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DANNY LAWSON/AP

## A Roast to the New Year

**PARTY STARTER:** Viking enthusiasts set fire to a longboat in Edinburgh, Scotland, Thursday to mark the start of "Hogmanay," the traditional Scottish New Year's celebration. The festivities last four days, hitting their peak on Dec. 31, when thousands will gather in the city center to usher in 2006.

**THE THANKS HE GETS | The Spirits of Giving** A Council Bluffs, Iowa, man was injured when he was robbed by three strangers he had bought beer for on Christmas, police said. Jerry Smith, 32, said he purchased the brew for the trio, but then one



of them demanded money and struck him in the head, police said. The group made off with the \$2 change that he had left over in his pocket. Smith was treated at a hospital for a cut on his head; police are continuing their investigation. (AP) **EyeOpeners | Page 2**

## Stem Cell Research Debunked

**Claims by vaunted cloning pioneer called fabrications**

**SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA** | South Korea's top university said Thursday that a leading researcher fabricated all of the stem cells he said were cloned from individual patients — a shattering blow to the disgraced scientist's reputation as a medical pioneer.

The conclusion continued the erosion of Hwang Woo-suk's reputation as a leader in the field of cloning who held the key to breakthroughs for hard-to-treat diseases.

A panel from Seoul National University investigating Hwang's work said last week at least nine of the 11 patient-specific stem cell lines reported this year in the journal *Science* were fabricated. On Thursday, the panel said the remaining two were also faked.

The latest revelations are a setback for research into stem cells, master cells that can grow into any body tissue.

Hwang gained international fame last year when he published an article in *Science* claiming that he had created the world's first cloned human embryo and extracted stem cells from it. This year, he and his research team published an article in the journal *Nature* claiming they had produced the world's first cloned dog, an Afghan hound named Snuppy. (AP)



# eyeOpeners

## U-BURY

### RIP Now DIY

A St. George, Vt., family is planning to turn 50 acres of their land into a burial ground for do-it-yourself funerals, WPTZ-TV reported. Lisa Carlson said her family would like to offer the land for people to dig graves on their own for bodies or cremated remains. The family would not provide caskets or concrete vaults or embalming. "The idea of a garden park and nature reserve just makes so much sense," she said. However, the town board, which can regulate the land's use, says it believes the land might be better suited for commercial or residential use. (EXPRESS)



## SOLUTIONS

### Why Tool Boxes Don't Make Good Drivers

A Paw Paw, Mich., who became lost Wednesday heavily damaged his vehicle by freeing it from mud it had gotten stuck in, the Battle Creek Enquirer reported. The man couldn't push his

car out of the muck on a dirt road, so he placed a toolbox on the accelerator and tried pushing again. That got the car unstuck, but the vehicle then sped off without a driver at speeds of up to 100 mph across the property. The car became airborne multiple times over hills in the terrain; eventually it smashed into a tree and stopped. (EXPRESS)



RUSTY KENNEDY/AP

## MARKETING

### Display Paint

This may look like the work of a street artist exercising his right to freedom of expression by painting a wall on the streets of Philadelphia with graffiti. But these spray-designs (being viewed by an unidentified observer) are less about artistic disobedience and more about getting you to buy a Sony PlayStation. The graffiti is actually paid for by Sony Corp. to plug their game systems; now a city official says they are in violation of zoning laws. Say what you will about Borf; at least he wasn't a sell-out. (AP)



## LOSERS

### Gamblers Now Seek His Head on a Stick

Jockey Roger Loughran, racing in Leopardstown, Ireland, stood in his stirrups, pumped his fist and waved his whip at the grandstand, celebrating his first win as a pro on Tuesday. Unfortunately for Loughran, though, there were still 262 feet left in the race, United Press International reported. Loughran mistook the end of a rail for the winning post, and, during his celebration, two horses raced past, leaving him in third. (EXPRESS)

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**BUSTED BARFLY:** Less than an hour after a Missouri man was sentenced for drunken driving, the judge in his case saw him drinking in a bar, a violation of his probation. Jacob Vandeven's bar tab was used as evidence.



## Nation

### In Brief

#### NEW YORK

#### Jail for Gay, Transgendered Prisoners Slated for Closure

One of the nation's few jail dormitories specifically for gay or transgender prisoners is closing on Rikers Island, prompting complaints from some activists who say it is a needed safe haven. The unit stopped accepting new inmates last month at the direction of Department of Correction Commissioner Martin Horn. With only 56 inmates left in the unit Thursday, it could be shut entirely within the next few weeks, the department said. (AP)

#### LOVELAND, COLO.

#### Wood Chipper Accident Kills State Tree Service Worker

A man trimming trees was killed after he apparently was pulled into a wood chipper, police said. The tree-service employee died Wednesday while he and a co-worker were cutting branches at a Loveland residence. Police Sgt. Rae Bontz described the death as an industrial accident and said an investigation into the incident was planned for the coming weeks. (AP)

#### Wiretap Program Grows

→ The effort President Bush authorized shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, to fight al Qaeda has grown into the largest CIA covert action program since the height of the Cold War. A look inside the massive covert program | **Today, Page A1**

**IN** The Washington Post

# Texas Gov. Tours Scorched Areas

Grass blazes smoulder as drought conditions, high winds continue

CROSS PLAINS, TEX. | As Gov. Rick Perry toured this wildfire-ravaged town Thursday and urged counties to prohibit fireworks around the New Year's holiday, more grass fires flared in windy weather in eastern Oklahoma.

Wildfires raced through grass dried out by the region's worst drought in 50 years earlier this week, charring nearly 200 homes and killing four people in Texas and Oklahoma.

Severe drought, wind gusts of 40 mph and temperatures reaching the low 80s set the stage for the



Texas Gov. Rick Perry, second from left, Russell Wright, Paula Winfrey and Billie Harris, tour the remains of their mother's house, which was destroyed by grass fires.

fires. Authorities believe they were mostly set by people ignoring fire bans and burning trash, shooting

fireworks or throwing out cigarettes.

"Truly be careful with your

activities, because people's lives are on the line," Perry said, warning that "the state of Texas is a tinderbox."

By late afternoon, the flames in central Oklahoma appeared to ease as firefighters gained the upper hand on the blazes, said fire Maj. Brian Stanaland.

Many fires in Texas had been contained, but unseasonably dry and hot conditions persisted.

The National Weather Service predicted a return of hazardous conditions on Saturday, prompting fears that New Year's fireworks could spark another round of fires.

"It's not going to be a good day to throw up fireworks," meteorologist Alan Moller said.

ANGELA K. BROWN (AP)

## Motorist Beaten by Mob Recovering

No arrests made yet in case of Wis. driver attacked by teenagers

MILWAUKEE | A man yanked from his car and beaten by a mob of young people was doing better at a hospital Thursday, but police said there were still no arrests in the case.

"It's just senseless," Linda Johnson, wife of Samuel McClain, said in a statement released Wednesday by the hospital treating him. "If people could see him now compared to how he looked



Samuel McClain was listed in satisfactory condition Thursday, doctors said.

before, they'd be shocked."

Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital in Wauwatosa released a

photo of the 50-year-old father of 12 that shows him with a bruised and swollen face from Monday evening's beating.

McClain was listed in satisfactory condition Thursday after initially being listed in critical condition.

A group of as many as 15 youths punched, kicked and jumped on McClain after he honked for them to move out of the street.

Police were questioning people who might have witnessed the attack or taken part.

CARRIE ANTLINGER (AP)

## Police Chief Backs Probe of Deadly Shooting

NEW ORLEANS | The city's police chief Thursday came out in support of an independent review board to investigate police shootings, a demand made by black ministers after a black man was killed by officers earlier this week.

Police Superintendent Warren Riley met said he will back requests to the City Council for an independent review process. The meeting came three days after police shot and killed Anthony Hayes, 38. (AP)

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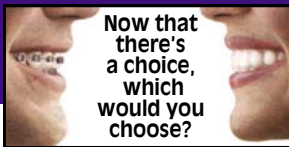
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# Officer Found in N.J. River

## Man's police truck plummeted off bridge on Christmas night

NEWARK, N.J. | Divers found the body of a police officer Thursday afternoon near the drawbridge where he and another officer plunged to their deaths on Christmas night.

The body of Jersey City Officer Robert Nguyen was found by New York City police divers who were helping with the search, said Paul Browne, spokesman for the New York police.

Nguyen's flag-draped body was driven slowly over the bridge as scores of police officers and firefighters stood and saluted.

Nguyen was in an emergency ser-



Emergency vehicles escort a car containing Nguyen's body on Thursday.

vices vehicle that plummeted 45 feet off the open drawbridge in blinding rain and fog into the Hackensack

River on Sunday night.

The body of the other officer, Shawn Carson, 40, was found about 90 minutes after the accident.

The officers were at the Lincoln Highway Bridge to help place warning cones and flares because the safety bar and bell used to warn motorists when the bridge was open had been damaged in a truck accident. Before the two officers drove back across the bridge, its operator raised the middle span to allow a tugboat to pass underneath. The truck went into the water despite efforts by horrified colleagues to flag the officers down, police said.

Mason Nguyen said the discovery of his brother's body "helps some of the pain." WAYNE PARRY (AP)

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**COLOSSAL CANDELABRA:** Rabbi Moshe Herson, left, Phillip Levine, acting New Jersey Gov. Richard J. Codey and Rabbi Boruch Klar, right, light a Menorah in a Hanukkah celebration at the State House in Trenton Thursday.

# Small Plane Crash in Neb. Kills 3

OMAHA, NEB. | A small plane crashed into a field in southwestern Nebraska, killing all three people aboard, officials said Thursday.

The wreckage was spotted by a utility worker shortly before 10 a.m. Thursday about a mile south of the Millard Airport. Dense fog blanketed the area at the time.

Three people were on board the Piper 28, a single-engine airplane, and there were no survivors, said Don Hughes, manager of the Federal Aviation Administration's Omaha terminal approach control.

It was unclear whether the plane crashed late Wednesday or early Thursday, he said.

"If the pilot never talked to anybody, and never called us on radar or anything, we would have no idea" what happened, Hughes said.

Millard Airport, in southwest Omaha, is not equipped for instrument approaches, Hughes said.

Omaha, Sarpy County and La Vista emergency crews were on the scene of the crash and an investigation by federal authorities was expected. (AP)

## Robber Turned In by Sons Sentenced

SPRINGFIELD, ILL. | A family man once regarded as a pillar of the community was sentenced to 40 years in prison Thursday for a string of bank robberies after being turned in by his own sons, who recognized him in a surveillance photo.

The judge imposed the minimum sentence on 64-year-old William

Alfred "Al" Ginglen. Ginglen, who pleaded guilty in July to pulling seven bank robberies in 2003 and 2004, was also ordered to pay \$56,382 in restitution.

Given the chance to speak before sentencing, Ginglen addressed the court, saying: "I'd like to apologize to everyone." (AP)





**PET POLICY:** Viennese city officials are about to put the bite on the Austrian capital's new dog owners. For pets born beginning Jan. 1, liability insurance will be mandatory for dog owners. Policies must have minimum coverage of \$864,000.

# World

## In Brief



Villagers search for people trapped in the rubble of the landslide in Yemen.

### SAN'A, YEMEN

#### **Landslide Kills at Least 30, Dozens More Go Missing**

Rescue workers heard cries for help from under the rubble Thursday as they searched for Thursday for dozens of Yemeni villagers believed buried by an avalanche that killed at least 30 people. Up to 100 people may still be buried under the ruins of the mountain village of Dhafeer after the overnight landslide, said Ahmad al-Maqdishi, a security official. For centuries, Yemenis have built their houses on the sides of mountains, sometimes carving their homes out of the rockside. (AP)

### ZAGREB, CROATIA

#### **Serbian Convicted of War Crimes Shown on Video**

An ethnic Serb seen killing Muslims in a nationally televised video was convicted of war crimes Thursday and sentenced to 15 years in prison, with the judge saying he had shown "no mercy of compassion" for his victims. Serbian paramilitary member Slobodan Davidovic "actively participated in inhuman treatment, humiliation and liquidation" of six young Muslim men from Srebrenica in 1995, Judge Miroslav Sovanjan said in his ruling. (AP)

### BANGALORE, INDIA

#### **Police Hunt for Men Behind Attack at Science Institute**

Police set up barricades and searched cars Thursday across Bangalore as they hunted for gunmen behind a shooting the night before at one of India's foremost science institutes that killed a retired professor and wounded four others, officials said. A Kashmiri rebel group was suspected in the attack. (AP)

# Group Agrees to Review Iraqi Vote

## International team to probe claims of fraud, intimidation in poll

**BAGHDAD, IRAQ** | An international team agreed Thursday to review Iraq's parliamentary elections, a decision lauded by Sunni Arab and secular Shiite groups who have staged repeated protests around Iraq complaining of widespread fraud and intimidation.

The decision by the International Mission for Iraqi Elections to send a team of assessors should help placate opposition complaints of ballot box rigging and mollify those groups who felt their views were not being



Iraqis rally in protest of the parliamentary election in Kirkuk on Thursday.

heard, especially among hardline Sunni Arab parties.

The team was coming despite a U.N. observer's endorsement of the Dec. 15 vote, which gave the Shiite religious bloc a big lead in preliminary returns. It was unclear if the review would further delay final results, expected in early January.

The presence of two Arab experts on the International Mission for Iraqi Elections team could go far in helping to convince Iraqis that the review of the vote will be fair. The team will also consist of a Canadian and a European.

Meanwhile, gunmen killed 12 members of an extended Shiite family near Latifiyah, a Sunni Arab-

### MORE NEWS FROM IRAQ

→ **Al Qaeda** in Iraq allegedly threatened to kill five kidnapped employees of the Sudanese Embassy in Baghdad in two days unless Sudan removes its diplomatic mission from Iraq.

→ **Officials** said Iraq's largest oil refinery has suspended operations since Dec. 24 after insurgents threatened to kill drivers and blow up trucks that distribute its oil products. (AP)

dominated town south of Baghdad. Police said the men were taken from their homes, packed into a minivan and shot. PATRICK QUINN (AP)

### CHINA | MINING DISASTER STRIKES AGAIN



**HEARTBREAK:** Liu Jun, whose brother is trapped underground in the flooded Fanjiashi Coal Mine in China's Shanxi province, cries Thursday outside the mine. Five people fled the flooding accident, two are confirmed dead and 15 other miners remain trapped, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

# Palestinian Suicide Bomber Kills 3 in Attack

**TULKAREM, WEST BANK** | A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up Thursday, killing an Israeli army officer and two other Palestinians after Israeli soldiers ordered him to remove his overcoat at a West Bank checkpoint set up specifically to foil the attack.

The Arabic satellite station Al-Arabiya reported that Syrian-backed militant group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the bombing. The report could not be confirmed, but the group earlier this week rebuffed Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' appeal for an end to suicide bombings and rocket attacks.

In increasingly chaotic Gaza, meanwhile, Palestinian police were searching for a British human rights



A body is removed from the scene of the suicide bombing in the West Bank.

worker and her parents, kidnapped at gunpoint in the southern Gaza town of Rafah on Wednesday.

The suicide bombing took place just south of the Palestinian town of Tulkarem. The army had set up roadblocks in the area after receiving warnings that a suicide bomber was headed toward Israel. (AP)

# Final Indonesian Soldiers Leave Aceh

**LHOKSEUMAWE, INDONESIA** | Indonesian soldiers lugged guns and heavy bags up gangplanks Thursday as they completed the final phase of a troop reduction in tsunami-ravaged Aceh province — a key step in an accord with separatist rebels to end a 29-year war.

The last of 24,000 troops pulled

out on five Navy ships and an air carrier, just days after Free Aceh Movement rebels completed the handover of their weapons and disbanded their military wing.

Peace efforts picked up pace after an earthquake struck off Aceh's coast one year ago, causing a tsunami that swept away 156,000

lives in the province and left a half-million others homeless. The rebels and the government decided they did not want to add to people's suffering and reached a landmark agreement seven months later.

Hundreds of people turned up at the port in northern Aceh on Thursday to wave off nearly 3,800 soldiers — the last batch slated to leave under the deal. (AP)

### HEARSAY | CURRENCY

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# Money



**NAME DROPPING:** AT&T Corp. said Thursday it will unleash the biggest ad campaign in the company's 120-year history to strengthen its brand name. The first ads, featuring the slogan "Your World. Delivered." will appear on New Year's Eve.

## Youth-Oriented Papers Flourish

### Fight for young readers spreads despite demise of Chicago's Red Streak

CHICAGO | Three years after it began, the battle of the Red tabloids is over.

It was a new-fashioned newspaper skirmish, in one of the few U.S. cities where two daily papers still compete head-to-head. In the end, the Chicago Tribune's RedEye outlasted the Chicago Sun-Times' Red Streak in the quest for young adult readers.

However, despite Red Streak's Dec. 22 demise, the fledgling batch of U.S. newspapers aimed mostly at readers in their 20s and 30s is alive and growing. Similar publications targeting young urban professionals and commuters with short, edgy stories are starting to proliferate, and industry experts and media executives see some encouraging

early results — mostly when the papers are free.

"Even if they fail to do what newspapers had originally intended, which is to develop newspaper reading habits, it looks as though some of these are starting to prosper in their own right," said John Morton, an independent newspaper industry analyst in Silver Spring, Md. "So I don't think you'll see people start shutting them down unless they come under financial strain."

Experts cite strong advertising potential and some steps toward success at many of the free tabloids, including Metro, published by London-based Metro International with separate editions in several U.S. and European cities; Express, owned by The Washington Post Co.; Tribune Co.-funded RedEye and amNewYork; and Quick, published by Belo Corp.'s The Dallas Morning News. DAVE CARPENTER (AP)

## Home Buyers Profit From Slow Sales

WASHINGTON | A cooling housing market may put buyers in the driver's seat while an improving job market could give workers and job-seekers more leverage, economists say.

Either way, analysts read a pair of economic reports Thursday as

indicating a soft landing for the high-flying housing sector and a smoother ride for the labor market.

Sales of previously owned homes fell for the second month in a row, declining a moderate 1.7 percent in November to an annual rate of

6.97 million units, the lowest since March, the National Association of Realtors reported.

"As more listings of homes come on the market during this period of modestly declining sales, more home buyers will find themselves in a better position to negotiate," said the association's president Thomas Stevens. (AP)

## Market Action

### New York Stock Exchange

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Trex	29.48	+2.55	+9.5
Lubys	13.01	+1.04	+8.7
Fairchild	2.77	+2.22	+8.6
Hilton	24.00	+1.70	+7.6
Blockbstr	3.66	+2.25	+7.3

#### Losers

AlliancOne	3.85	-.35	-8.3
OrmatTc	25.20	-1.79	-6.6
Valmont	33.10	-1.63	-4.7
ToddShp	26.00	-1.17	-4.3
CarrSrv	4.80	-.20	-4.0

### NASDAQ Stock Market

#### Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Arrowhd	5.25	+1.85	+54.4
Quidel	11.76	+2.29	+24.2
MultiFnElc	47.66	+8.98	+23.2
Quotesmth	3.14	+.52	+19.8
Nitches	6.16	+.91	+17.3

#### Losers

SyntaxBril	4.55	-.70	-13.3
OmegaFix n	19.00	-2.44	-11.4
Amtech	7.40	-.83	-10.1
GMX Rs	37.42	-3.93	-9.5
Syneron	35.69	-3.50	-8.9

### Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	7.25	7.25
Fed Funds close	4.1875	4.25
3-month	3.91	3.92
2-year	4.37	4.39
10-year	4.36	4.43
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Canadian Dollar	1.1644	1.1637	1.2131
European Euro	.8441	.8449	.7354
Japanese Yen	117.76	117.83	103.83
Mexican Peso	10.6440	10.7560	11.2435
Taiwanese Dollar	32.90	33.10	31.97

DOW	NASDAQ	S&P 500
-11.44	-10.78	-3.75
-0.11	-0.48	-0.30
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ForestLab	41.10	-.25	-8.4
Hospira	43.08	-.65	+28.6
IvaxCorp	31.36	-.20	+98.2
JohnJn	60.25	-.17	-5.0
LillyEli	57.46	-.29	+1.3
Merck	32.35	+.44	+.7
MylanLab	20.12	+.02	+13.8
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## Local

### LINCOLN MEMORIAL | RAINDROPS FALL IN D.C.



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**SLIPPERY WHEN WET:** Kelsey Dupin, 15, of Raleigh, N.C., leads her sister Weslie, 10, on slick, rain-soaked steps at the Lincoln Memorial Thursday. As of early evening, less than a half-inch had fallen at Reagan National Airport.

## Murder-Suicide, Dec. 21 Shooting May Be Linked

FAIRFAX, VA. | As investigators try to figure out what led a young man to kill his mother, three other people and finally himself, police said Thursday they were focusing on an incident that happened four days earlier.

Nathan Cheatham, 27, went on the bloody rampage Christmas Day, leaving a trail of death from McLean to Great Falls. But police believe that on Dec. 21, Cheatham and Adam Price — one of the men

he would eventually kill — were firing a gun on a Great Falls street.

Officer Richard Henry said police did not initially suspect Cheatham was responsible for the Dec. 21 incidents where no one was hurt. But they now believe that Cheatham thought otherwise and was concerned police would find out about his involvement.

"I think this incident with the shootings ... may shed some light on his thinking." (AP)

## Independence Air Facing Shut Down

WASHINGTON | The parent company of Independence Air will reportedly shut down the airline and begin laying off workers on Jan. 7 unless a major buyer or investor comes forward.

Flyi Inc., which owns the dis-

count airline, warned of the coming deadline in a letter to unionized pilots, flight attendants and mechanics, according to The Washington Post.

Asked about the letter on Thursday, Valerie Wunder, an

## Mayor Optimistic For Stadium Vote

**Williams says he will use delay on ballpark lease to get better deal**

WASHINGTON | Weeks before a possible D.C. Council vote on a baseball lease, Mayor Anthony A. Williams said Thursday he will use the time to negotiate with Major League Baseball and with Council members.

The mayor is optimistic that if everyone remains calm and stays at the table, a solution can be found.

The Council returns from its holiday break Jan. 3, but City Administrator Robert Bobb said a vote on the stadium lease will not occur until at least mid-January.

The original lease agreement was pulled from consideration by the Council last week when it became clear the mayor didn't have the seven votes needed for approval. The Council must approve the lease before investment bankers will allow

the sale of nearly \$535 million in bonds to cover construction costs. Baseball officials are also waiting for the lease to be approved before selling the Nationals, who are owned by baseball's other 29 teams.

"I actually think this is a good thing bringing it before the newly elected Council," Williams said. "Is baseball doing its fair share? That is a legitimate question."

Williams said a key focus of further negotiations will involve who should pay for any cost overruns. Council members are balking at having the District pick up the tab.

One issue that is not negotiable as far as the mayor is concerned is the location, on the Anacostia River waterfront, about a mile south of the Capitol.

Some Council members, including Chairwoman Linda Cropp, have suggested building a ballpark next to RFK Stadium as a cost-saving measure. HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

### In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

#### Gov.-Elect Kaine Selects 3 More for His Cabinet

Gov.-elect Timothy M. Kaine on Thursday announced the appointment of former Del. Viola O. Baskerville to be secretary of administration and labor leader Daniel G. LeBlanc secretary of the commonwealth.

Kaine also reappointed Robert Bloxom as secretary of agriculture and forestry. (AP)



Kaine

FALLS CHURCH, VA.

#### Sex Offender Who Allegedly Mimicked Police Is Arrested

An accused police impersonator and convicted sex offender was under arrest Thursday as authorities investigated whether there are more victims of his alleged charade. John R. Lay, 49, is charged in a Dec. 2 incident. According to Fairfax County police, he approached a woman arriving home and asked to use the phone. Lay allegedly forced his way in and pulled out a badge, claiming to be a police officer and demanding to know if she was in the country legally. The suspect fled when the woman started yelling. (AP)



**YOU'RE BEING WATCHED:** Although Washington, D.C., isn't known to attract crowds of downtown New Year's Eve revelers, the Metropolitan Police Department will turn on its network of surveillance cameras, and locations like the White House, Union Station and the Capitol will be monitored by officers at the MPD's Joint Operations Command Center. (AP)

## The Lotteries

Thursday, Dec. 29

DISTRICT	
Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-4-3
Evening Lucky Numbers	1-4-1
Mid-day DC 4	3-0-3-9
Evening DC 4	4-8-9-6
Rolling Cash Five	16-10-24-02-29
Daily 6	27-20-02-34-21-33 Bonus: 31
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	03-11-27-30-36 (09)

MARYLAND	
Mid-day Pick 3	5-0-2
Evening Pick 3	4-8-2
Mid-day Pick 4	3-2-5-4
Evening Pick 4	4-4-1-8
Match 5	21-29-30-34-39 Bonus: 15
Lotto (Wed.)	25-27-38-41-43 Bonus: 48
VIRGINIA	
Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	9-6-5
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	7-3-4
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	9-9-4-5

Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	8-0-8-7
Mid-day Cash 5 (Thurs.)	05-06-18-22-26
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	01-06-08-15-31
Lotto South (Wed.)	06-10-15-40-42-45

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# Entertainment Weekend

## TELEVISION

**No Sleep Till Times Square:** America's Oldest Teenager and friends stay up late to host "Dick Clark's Rock-in' New Year's Eve" | **26**



**A NEW YEAR OF HOPE:** Steve Martin channels Peter Sellers in "Pink Panther"; Iwo Jima heroes in "Flags"; the young lovers in the medieval romance "Tristan & Isolde."

# A Safe Silver Screen

**For Hollywood, a new year of movies can't come soon enough**

**BOX OFFICE** | Crippled from a decline at the box office, Hollywood is hedging its 2006 bets with plenty of sequels, big stars and special effects designed to bring audiences back to the multiplex. Here are some of the major releases Tinseltown has in store.

### → DRAMA

Michael Douglas plays a disgraced Secret Service agent who has to foil a presidential assassination in "The Sentinel." In May, Ron Howard and Akiva Goldsman bring the Dan

Brown novel "The Da Vinci Code" to the big screen. Mel Gibson explores Mayan civilization in his summer offering, "Apocalypto." And Clint Eastwood's World War II drama "Flags of Our Fathers," detailing the battle of Iwo Jima, lands in theaters in fall.

### → FAMILY/COMEDY

The children's classic "Curious George" is adapted into an animated feature with the voice of Will Ferrell as The Man in the Yellow Hat. Hitting the road this summer is Disney and Pixar's computer-animated "Cars," about a group of classic autos looking for adventure on Route 66. M. Night Shyamalan goes family-oriented with "Lady in the



The new "Poseidon" adventurers.

Water"; and Steve Martin stars in a remake of the comedic farce "The Pink Panther."

### → ROMANCE

Before "Romeo & Juliet" there was "Tristan & Isolde." The medieval leg-

end of a princess and a warrior's love affair hits the big screen in January. Meanwhile, possible real-life sweethearts Jennifer Aniston and Vince Vaughn star in the romantic romp "The Break-Up."

### → ACTION/ADVENTURE

"Matrix" filmmakers Andy and Larry Wachowski explore a futuristic totalitarian Britain in "V for Vendetta." "Poseidon" will resurface with a cast led by Kurt Russell. George Clooney collaborates again with director Steven Soderbergh on "The Good German." And Leonardo DiCaprio and Martin Scorsese reunite on "The Departed," a crime drama set in Boston. ANGELA DAWSON (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

## Got Plans?

FOR COMPLETE WEEKEND LISTINGS SEE [WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT](http://WASHINGTONPOST.COM/ENTERTAINMENT)

**BEST OF** | Here are five songs released by local artists in 2005 that received plenty of iPod love from Going Out Guru David Malitz. See the full list on the GOG's blog; each comes with a link so you can hear the songs for yourself.

### HEAD-ROC: "CRIS COLUMBUS"

"Cris Columbus, a man of his time/ Slaughtered Arawak natives to further his kind" is how this track from Head's excellent "Negrophobia!" album begins. Why D.C.'s most outspoken rapper hasn't received more attention is a mystery.

### KEV BROWN: "WORK IN PROGRESS"



Landover's Kev Brown comes through.

On the noted hip-hop producer's debut full-length, "I Do What I Do," every sound and beat is perfectly placed, and he's no slouch on the mic. **METROPOLITAN: "HERE OR THERE"** Probably the best pure indie rock band in the area; this lead track from "The Lines They Get Broken" is a driving rocker with some of the best fuzzed bass you'll ever hear.

**NETHERS: "O THE DEED"** This is a delightful acoustic-guitar driven indie-folk romp with an almost nursery-rhyme vocal melody in the chorus that will be stuck in your head for days. **(THE SOUNDS OF) KALEIDOSCOPE: "CERTAIN COLOUR SKY"** This track from the local psych-rockers will make your head spin with its swirling guitars but is still catchy enough to hum along to. DAVID MALITZ (WASHINGTONPOST.COM)

The Going Out Gurus' blog has all the Gurus' 2005 retrospectives. Find it at | [blogs.washingtonpost.com/going\\_out\\_gurus](http://blogs.washingtonpost.com/going_out_gurus)

# TV Reaps What It's Sown

**Some sage words the major networks may not want to hear**

**TIPS** | In the spirit of the new year, here are some resolutions and words of advice for the networks.

It's difficult to give advice to CBS, the ratings colossus. A combination of reality evergreens and roughly 5,000 hours of "CSI" spin-offs have put the Eye network in an enviable position. All the same, they should resolve to prepare for a time when



**WATCH THIS:** Jack Black went on "SNL" to plug his movie, and boy, did he ever.

people get sick of cadavers. For now, who can argue with success?

Two years ago ABC was the fourth-place network that couldn't seem to let go of "Drew Carey." Over the past 15 months, it's churned out "Desperate Housewives," "Grey's Anatomy" and "Commander in Chief." Not too shabby. But ABC, resolve to pull the plug on "The Bachelor." Save the world a couple billion flowers and candles.

Fox remains the most ambitious and problematic network. Even its failures ("Reunion," "Arrested

Development," "The Tick") are interesting. But Fox is dangerously dependent on a single show. Dear Fox: Resolve to transcend your "American Idol" addiction.

NBC's problems could fill a whole column, so let's just focus on the product placements. They've used "The Office" to plug iPods, slipped three references to "Memoirs of a Geisha" into a "Medium" script and turned Jack Black's "SNL" stint into an extended "King Kong" commercial. Get this under control before people start calling you QVC.

Enough scolding. Let's raise a glass to 2006 — and 365 nights of TV. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

## → Now Playing

**AEON FLUX** (PG-13, 95 minutes) Played by Charlize Theron in leather and spike heels, our title character works for the "Monican" underground against the police-state society of Bregna, some 400 years from now. After an "industrial disease" wiped out 99 percent of the world's population in 2011, a leader known as Trevor Goodchild (Marton Csokas) and his brother Oren (Jonny Lee Miller) developed a cure. Now there are 5 million in Bregna, a city whose walls protect them from the blight outside. Aeon gets her marching orders to destroy the central spying hub and assassinate Trevor. Theron is appropriately slinky and gymnastic, but with the exception of a few action scenes, this movie is surprisingly draggy. (DT)

**THE BLUE BUTTERFLY** (Unrated, 97 minutes) Imagine a film that combines the breathtaking insect photography of "Microcosmos" with the sense of adventure of "The Mosquito Coast" and the wrenching portrayal of fatal illness of "Brian's Song" and you get some idea of this movie. William Hurt plays a curmudgeonly butterfly biologist named Alan Osborne, who is accosted by 10-year-old Pete Carlton (Marc Donato), a cancer patient with just a few months to live. (It's based on a real-life story.) Pete's last wish is to capture the elusive blue morpho, a huge, electric-blue butterfly in the Amazon. Hurt's performance provides misanthropic ballast to a story that would otherwise be swamped in teary bathos, but the patronizing, gratuitous sentimentality undermines what could and should have been a simple story of courage and beauty. (AH)

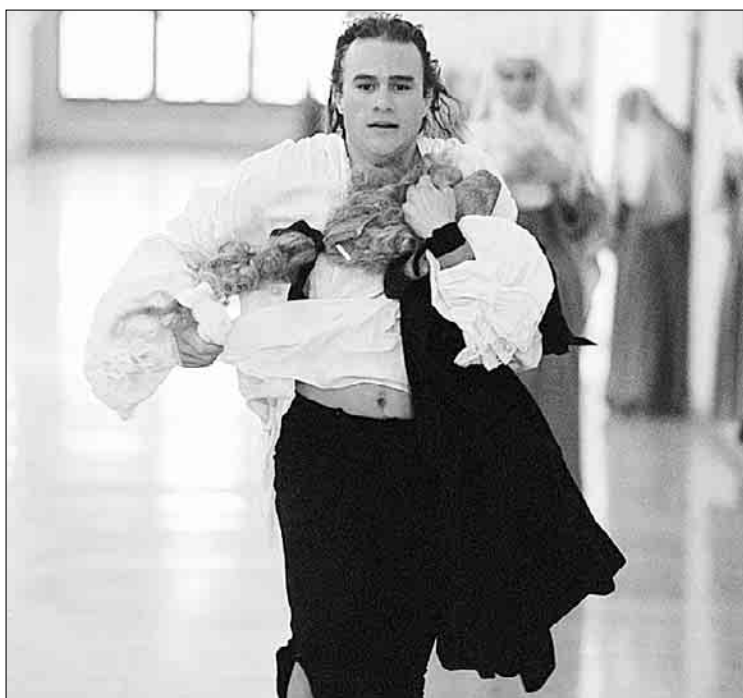
**BREAKFAST ON PLUTO** (R, 129 minutes) Thin as Twiggy in his skintight bell-bottoms, the mascara-eyed Kitten (Cillian Murphy) pumps his fists to a glam-rock band in the 1970s. We already understand the teenage Irish transvestite to be in a pitched battle with reality. Kitten sees the singer as the fantasy man he'd like to keep house for. It's beside the point—and part of that reality Kitten chooses to ignore—that Billy's on the road all the time, has dangerous ties with the IRA and feels ambivalent about keeping a male companion. Ultimately, the film's detachment is its inspired idea and its inherent problem. We remain strangers to Kitten, looking at him from the real world from which he runs screaming. (DT)



**HELLO, GORGEOUS:** Cillian Murphy stars as the clueless Kitten in Neil Jordan's ultimately frustrating "Breakfast on Pluto."

**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN** (R, 134 minutes) From the moment Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) meet while applying for jobs herding sheep in Wyoming, it's just a matter of when, not if. That consummation is a brief, violent, loveless episode that over their first summer together becomes an idyll of half-naked wrestling, nuzzling by the campfire and fist fights that end

cial thing: passion. (AH)  
**CAPOTE** (R, 98 minutes) It is a comical image: fey, mincing, piping little Truman Capote in his cashmere scarf tiptoeing around the bleak wheat-field burg of Holcomb, Kan., in the wake of some horrific murders about which he admits he doesn't really care. As Capote, Philip Seymour Hoffman makes you believe in the man: an artist's personality, ruthless



**KEEP YOUR HAIR ON:** Casanova (Heath Ledger) in a rare moment with pants on.

in an embrace. They won't meet again until four years later, and over the next several years, the two men will have to be satisfied with fishing trips on Brokeback Mountain during which no fish will be caught. Ledger is especially impressive as the withdrawn, emotionally stunted Ennis. As a tragic evocation of the costs of homophobia—not just to closeted gay people but to their families and loved ones—the film is indeed a watershed. But as a testament to the importance of following one's passion, it's devoid of one cru-

and shrewd; a hysteric's delicate grasp of his emotions; a charmer whose wiles could wear down even the wary Kansas lawmen. (SH)  
**CASANOVA** (R, 108 minutes) Poor Casanova—expelled from a seminary, forced out of Rome, exiled from Venice, all for drink, debauchery and other scandalous behavior. He was also afflicted with sexual diseases, hounded by the Inquisition and, for his manuscripts on magic, sentenced to five years in a stifling, lead-lined cell. All this retribu-

tion, however, was nothing compared with the indignity the 18th-century lothario would suffer three centuries later. This film, starring Heath Ledger, not only fetters the randy Venetian in political correctness, it condemns him to dwell inside the modern equivalent of a bad Shakespeare play. (DT)

**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2** (PG, 100 minutes) Big changes are afoot for the Bakers in a sequel that adds little more than a numeral to this good-natured but dull franchise. For Tom (Steve Martin) and Kate (Bonnie Hunt), their once closely knit family of 12 is unraveling. Tom persuades the clan to make one last senti-

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UNTRUE CRIME: Jim Carrey, left and Téa Leoni, right, drive each other crazy as a felonious family in "Fun With Dick and Jane."

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mental trip to Lake Winnetka, where they discover that their dear, old lake house is more decrepit than they remembered, while their perennial rivals, an eight-kid family called the Murtaughs, have installed a McMansion across the water. Tom and Murtaugh leader Jimmy (Eugene Levy) reprise their long-standing tension. This is definitely a family trip to stay home and skip. (DT)

**CHICKEN LITTLE** (G, 78 minutes) Based on the old tale, and the image of ardent, mythological stupidity — the chicken who thought the sky was falling when an acorn fell on its head — this computer-animated gee-whizzer takes the story one more crank toward the literal. When the thing hits Chicken Little, it turns out it is a piece of the sky: The sky is falling. The movie then wittily finds a way to morph into a fabulous parody of "War of the Worlds," possibly a bit intense in parts for the smallest of beings. The animators are fabulous and full of mischief, weaving enough ironic amusements into the story for the longer of tooth. (SH)

**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE** (PG, 140 minutes) Andrew Adamson's sterling version of the perdurable C.S. Lewis classic of children's fantasy is well told, handsome, stirring and loads of fun. Taken at face value, the film decodes into a kind of dashing view of colonialism for the pre-pubescent set, an empire-and-faith fable set in a fantasy world whose relation to the real one will be, for adults, its most fascinating element. For kids, the pleasure will be in some of the best special

effects of the year. And for both, the overarching endearment will be a narrative, which speeds through its two-hour-plus running time. Of note, the movie rides its PG rating right to the very edge; its evocation of animal death and battlefield mayhem and jeopardy to children is extremely powerful, and some kids may find it disturbing. (SH)

**THE FAMILY STONE** (PG-13, 102 minutes) Braying, self-righteous, predictable, morally superior and, worst of all, loud, the Stones are the subject of this film, which means to celebrate them but only denigrates. They live the good life in a generic Northeastern suburb, and the ordeal that unites them in scorn and smugness this Christmas season is the arrival of favorite and most successful son Everett (Dermot Mulroney) with his soon-to-be fiancée, Meredith (Sarah Jessica Parker). She's an emissary from the empire of repression, which makes her a mortal enemy of the wonderful Stones. There are many ways to define the shrieking awfulness of this movie, from the general lack of wit to the cheap exploitation of cancer to its casual cruelty, but it's the casting that really goes haywire. (SH)

**FUN WITH DICK AND JANE** (PG-13, 90 minutes) This remake of the 1977 comedy stars Jim Carrey and Téa Leoni as an overextended, upwardly mobile California couple, and for the first hour it captures with breezy humor and quick, goofy vignettes the angst of the upper-middle manager at the turn of the 21st century. Dick and Jane Harper are McMansion millionaires, with their assets tied up in an overpriced house and a fat pension plan with Dick's company, which goes bust. Meanwhile, Jane has decided to quit her job as a travel agent. It takes a few months before Dick hits on the idea

of stealing. Though instantly forgettable, it lives up to its title: It's fun, and that's fine. (AH)

**GO FOR ZUCKER** (Unrated, 95 minutes) Jacky Zucker is a hustler, an aging wastrel who makes his living cadging bets on pool games in Berlin, a cigarette dangling from his mouth. He's a self-described "typical reunification loser," but he has inescapable appeal. For most of his life, Jacky was a committed secular communist, having shortened his name from Zuckermann when he was a young man. But when his mother dies and his Orthodox Jewish brother Samuel (Udo Samel) arrives on the scene with his Orthodox family, a seemingly endless — and antic — stream of encounters, deceptions and revelations ensues. (AH)

**GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK** (PG-13, 93 minutes) George Clooney, who directed and co-wrote, retells the story of crusading journalist Ed Murrow, who stood up to braying political bully Joe McCarthy. The stylizations of '50s TV drama, including black-and-white cinematography, are terrific. Clooney casts himself as Murrow's producer, Fred W. Friendly, but hardly registers. Neither do any of the other CBS minions, even though they're played by such names as Jeff Daniels, Robert Downey Jr. and Patricia Clarkson. Only two people register, David Strathairn as Murrow and Joe McCarthy as Joe McCarthy. Strathairn dominates the movie with furious intelligence, guts, will and nobility. (SH)

**HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE** (PG-13, 160 minutes) This is probably the most engaging Potter film of the series thus far. Our central character, Hogwarts student Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) is possibly more intimidated by girls than by dragons. Harry just got

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drafted, mysteriously, into the international Triwizard Tournament. As if that wasn't enough, a large skull-and-snake apparition has appeared in the skies, a signal that the evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) has returned. Readers of the J.K. Rowling novels may be disappointed that many details from the book have been altered or omitted. But as long as those readers appreciate large-scale action and smaller-scale interaction, they'll be happy. (DT)

**THE KEEPER: THE LEGEND OF OMAR KHAYYAM** (PG, 95 minutes) Twelve-year-old Kamran (Adam Echahly) accepts a weighty responsibility: preserving the memory of his 11th-century ancestor. Kamran, an Iranian-American who lives in modern-day Houston, is thrilled to become his family's "keeper," the one who must pass along the story of Omar Khayyam. He hears the story of the great mathematician, philosopher and poet in installments, and as he listens, we are privy to his imaginings: Omar (Bruno Lastra) and a childhood friend, Hassan Sabbah (Christopher Simpson), grow up in love with a slave girl called Darya (Marie Espinosa). The movie hopscotches between past and present, paying tribute to the great scientist-poet, to oral tradition and a rich culture. But the movie's intentions are like the starry constellations that inspire the eponymous hero: out of reach. (DT)

**KING KONG** (PG-13, 187 minutes) Sticking close to the original, both in story and milieu, this film features Jack Black as energetic film entrepreneur Carl Denham, who hires a tramp steamer, tricks playwright Jack Driscoll (Adrien Brody), movie star Bruce Baxter (Kyle Chandler) and untested actress Ann Darrow (Naomi Watts) into joining him on Skull Island, where he plans to shoot a film against a heretofore unseen background. There he discovers a 25-foot-tall ape whom the natives call Kong and to whom they offer apparently virgin-bride sacrifices. But Kong sees Darrow and falls in hot monkey love. The movie is full of mesmerization, astonishment, thrills, chills, spills, kills and ills, a big monkey picture show that's certainly the best popular entertainment of the year. (SH)

**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA** (PG-13, 120 minutes) This movie is everything you'd expect it to be: beautiful, mesmerizing, tasteful, Japanese. It's just not very hot. Derived from Arthur Golden's phenomenally successful novel, it's the story of Sayuri Nitta (Ziyi Zhang), born Chiyo, the daughter of a poor fisherman who

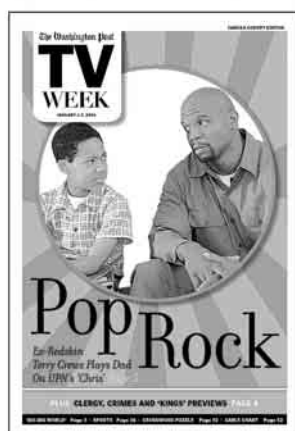


**THE OTHER SIDE OF LIFE:** Bree (Felicity Huffman, left) awaits her total transformation into a woman in "Transamerica."

becomes one of Japan's most revered geishas in the 1930s. It stars three of the world's most beautiful women — Zhang, Gong Li and Michelle Yeoh — and it's set in the inner world of the geisha. Yet it just sits there, glorious but never remotely enticing. (SH)

**MUNICH** (R, 140 minutes) Steven

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Spielberg's new film focuses on a small Israeli killing team tasked with hunting and destroying the Palestinian Black September planners of the Munich massacre of 1972 — in which 11 members of the Israeli Olympic team were held hostage and killed — across Europe and the Middle East. The team seeks, finds, plans, kills, flees; and then it begins again. The names are supplied by Israeli intelligence; the team members take it on faith that they are serving justice, not vengeance, but the doubt begins to wear on them. So give the movie credit for its rigor in facing this depressing problem. But in a somewhat crude attempt to impose a suspenseful structure, the narrative memories of the Munich massacre are inserted throughout. Somehow a massacre of unarmed innocents that shocked the world should be more than just fodder for ginning up the tension at the end of a commercial movie. (SH)

**PRIDE & PREJUDICE** (PG, 128 minutes) This version of Jane Austen's fabled story, in which Lizzie Bennet and Mr. Darcy begin as fiery opponents and end up as married lovers, is not quite the taming of a shrew, because in Austen's worldview, leading ladies of beauty and wit weren't shrews and never had to be tamed, but merely loved and respected, and good things would follow. That's the main trajectory of this film, starring Keira Knightley as Elizabeth and Matthew MacFadyen as the initially dour, snotty Mr. Darcy. (SH)

**THE PRODUCERS** (PG-13, 134 minutes) Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick reprise their Broadway roles as long-time producer Max Bialystock (Lane) and naive accountant Leo Bloom (Broderick), who realize that it's possi-

ble to make more money on a flop than on a hit, by oversubscribing investments. Of course they fail completely by succeeding wildly. So how good is the movie of the musical of the movie? It's pretty good. It's too long to be great and it's too square to be great and it's too loud to be great and it finds homosexual effeminacy too funny to ever be called great, but I can't imagine anyone coming out sadder than they went in. (SH)

**RENT** (PG-13, 135 minutes) Musicals are not for the literal-minded, and that probably should have ruled out Chris Columbus as the man to bring Broadway's long-running hit to the screen. He labors mightily to make the movie look and feel like something that genuinely bubbled up from the mean streets of Alphabet City at the height of AIDS angst. The thing that made the stage version a hit, and has kept it running, was Jonathan Larson's

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arresting score. Columbus preserves it, but he doesn't work with it. He just stands in slack-jawed awe and rolls camera. It would have been better by far to stay cocooned within the propulsive music and its parallel universe of inflated emotions. (NELSON PRESSLEY)

**THE RINGER** (PG-13, 99 minutes) On the one hand, the movie wants credit for its audaciousness as it stoops to lampoon the athletes of the Special Olympics and uses that worthy entity in the cruelest and



VENGEANCE IS THEIRS: Mathieu Kassovitz and Hanns Zischler in "Munich."

most cynical of ways by postulating a normal fellow faking mental retardation to cop an easy victory. In this guise, it lets Johnny Knoxville run around drooling and yipping and pretending to be mentally challenged. On the other hand, it is terrified of going too far, so even as it advances, it retreats, hastily assuring viewers not to take it seriously. The result of being torn between here and there is being stuck nowhere. (SH)

**RUMOR HAS IT** (R, 97 minutes) The fictional Mrs. Robinson, whose affair with 21-year-old Benjamin Braddock is the high point of the 1967 film "The Graduate," would be horrified to watch this lifeless romantic comedy that uses her liaison for

its torturous premise. Sarah Huttinger (Jennifer Aniston) is surprised to learn that her grandmother, Katharine (Shirley MacLaine), was the real-life inspiration for Mrs. Robinson, who slept with younger man Beau Burroughs (Kevin Costner), who, it turns out, was also a paramour of Sarah's mother. Shocked at the possibility that Beau could be her own father, Sarah tracks him down. The larger part of the film is taken up with their meeting and the strange courtship that follows. (DT)

**SARAH SILVERMAN: JESUS IS MAGIC** (R, 72 minutes) When it comes to Sarah Silverman, the best thing to do is simply sit back and listen. The fact that she shouldn't be saying those things and you shouldn't be laughing at them makes it even more deliciously painful. There are song parodies, trips backstage, but it's all just filler to stretch 40 golden minutes of inspired stand-up to 72 minutes. You sit there thinking, good lord, does she mean it? She can't mean it! Can she say that? Can we laugh? (SH)

**THE SQUID AND THE WHALE** (R, 81 minutes) Set in Brooklyn in 1986, this movie is piercing and forthright. When Bernard (Jeff Daniels) and Joan (Laura Linney) Berkman inform their children, 16-year-old Walt (Jesse Eisenberg) and 12-year-old Frank (Owen Kline), they're getting a divorce, it's the beginning of an emotional whirlwind for four very different people. The movie is so brutally honest at times, you can almost sense the real Baumbachs squirming, twitching, tut-tutting and maybe even nodding their heads. Whatever their reaction, this story doesn't just belong to them anymore. This richly observed, sometimes heartbreaking movie has become ours, too. (DT)

**SYRIANA** (R, 126 minutes) George Clooney plays CIA operative Bob Barnes, an avuncular career agent who used to know where all the bodies were buried — mainly because he did most of the digging. In the 1980s, the Cold War made things morally easy, but the CIA no longer needs seasoned agents like him; it's all satellite reconnaissance and missile button pushing these days. This is a premium-octane thriller about a society that has become insidiously dependent on oil. What's so powerful about the film is the rich stories it tells and how it leads them like so many human tributaries to one black, bubbling source. (DT)

**TRANSAMERICA** (R, 103 minutes) As Bree Osbourne, a preoperative male-to-female transsexual, Felicity Huffman dives down the rabbit hole as a woman playing a man acting like a woman, pulling the challenge off with skill, aplomb and deep compassion. Bree, born and raised as a Stanley, is on the verge of a long-awaited opera

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**BLOOD ON THE TRACKS:** Kestie Morassi is hot—but stranded—in “Wolf Creek.”

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tion to finalize a process that began long ago. Her plan is foiled, however, by a collect phone call from a juvenile correctional facility in Manhattan; it seems that a brief liaison as Stanley several years ago resulted in the birth of a son. His name is Toby (Kevin Zegers), and he needs to be bailed out. Bree travels to New York and helps him, which sends the two main characters down colorful by-ways and into whimsical situations, with a healthy dose of self-discovery and healing at the end. (AH)

**WALK THE LINE** (PG-13, 136 minutes) This movie gets off to a promising start, sure to raise goose bumps, at the gates of Folsom Prison in 1968. The camera makes its way slowly into the jail, and finally, after an excruciating, exhilarating eternity, we see Johnny Cash—played, in an uncanny performance, by Joaquin Phoenix—as he drinks a glass of water and contemplates a buzz saw. We're hooked, and he hasn't sung a note. Unfortunately, for all its good music and admirable vocal impersonations, the movie slides downhill from there. (AH)

**WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT** (G, 85 minutes) Directed by Nick Park and Steve Box, the feature film debut of Wallace and Gromit opens with the dotty English inventor and his quietly superior dog working at yet another ingenious business called Anti-Pesto, which humanely removes four-legged creatures from their town's vegetable gardens. Things are just swell until the gardens are vandalized by the King Kong of rabbits. Gromit, who might be the most expressive silent movie star since Buster Keaton, is pure magic. (AH)

**WOLF CREEK** (R, 99 minutes) The setting

is the Australian outback, though as is common, the real geographical dichotomy in this film is between the urban—hip, sophisticated, licentious, unrepressed—and the rural, symbolized by brutality, perversity, cunning and monstrosity. Three twenty-something vagabonds leave the sybaritic coast and head inland, their goal being the Wolf Creek Crater. The curse they run into way out in nowhere is the one you can run into on any city street: a nut with a gun and a knife. And that's it: The bad guy tortures them and lets them have it one at a time. (SH)

**YOURS, MINE & OURS** (PG, 88 minutes) Dennis Quaid plays Frank Beardsley, a Coast Guard officer, widower and loving father of eight. At a high school reunion, he meets and falls back in love with former sweetheart Helen North (Rene Russo), who has 10 children and, like Frank, is widowed. When Frank and Helen impulsively get married, parenting systems collide. The storyline is so familiar, the audience can practically call out scenes ahead of time. (DT)

**ZATHURA** (PG, 102 minutes) Based on the book by Chris Van Allsburg, this movie introduces us to 6-year-old Danny (Jonah Bobo) and 10-year-old Walter (Josh Hutcherson). One day, Danny discovers Zathura, an old-fashioned board game with a windup key, a “Go” button and a miniature spaceship that whirs along the game board. That little spaceship springs to life and—ding!—up pops a card with a message: “Meteor Shower—Take Evasive Action.” The movie has an almost antique charm, which recalls the 1950s sci-fi movies. (DT)

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**\*MUNICH (R)** 11:00, 3:55, 7:20, 10:55  
**\*BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)** 11:05, 3:20, 6:55, 10:20  
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**RENT (PG-13)** 2:20, 9:35  
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**ZATHURA (PG)** 1:00, 3:00

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**THE PRODUCERS (PG13)** ✓ 12:25, 3:50, 7:10, 10:25  
**THE PRODUCERS (PG13)** [CC] [DV] ✓ 12:25, 3:50, 7:10, 10:25  
**RUMOR HAS IT (PG13)** ✓ 11:05, 1:45, 5:00, 7:35, 10:10  
**WOLF CREEK (R)** ✓ 11:40, 2:00, 4:50, 7:40, 10:40  
**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13)** ✓ 12:00, 1:00, 3:30, 4:30, 7:00, 8:00, 10:30, 11:15  
**THE RINGER (PG13)** ✓ 12:05, 2:55, 5:30, 8:05, 10:35  
**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG)** ✓ 11:45, 12:45, 2:30, 3:35, 5:15, 6:15, 9:00, 11:30  
**FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13)** ✓ 11:20, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 7:50, 9:10, 10:20, 11:25  
**BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R)** ✓ 12:40, 4:10, 7:30, 10:50  
**KING KONG (PG13)** 11:15, 12:15, 3:15, 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:15, 10:45  
**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG)** 11:30, 12:30, 3:00, 4:00, 6:10, 7:45, 11:00  
**HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13)** 11:00, 2:45, 6:30  
**PRIDE & PREJUDICE (PG)** 12:10, 3:20  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 11:00 AM

### HOFFMANN CENTER 22

Eisenhower Ave and Telegraph Road in Alexandria  
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**THE PRODUCERS (PG13)** ✓ 12:00, 3:15, 6:05, 9:05, 12:05  
**MUNICH (R)** ✓ 1:30, 5:00, 8:30, 12:00  
**RUMOR HAS IT (PG13)** ✓ 11:50, 12:55, 2:25, 3:30, 4:50, 6:00, 7:20, 8:35, 9:50, 11:00, 12:20  
**WOLF CREEK (R)** ✓ 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45, 12:15  
**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13)** ✓ 11:40, 1:05, 2:55, 4:35, 6:10, 7:45, 9:20, 10:55, 12:30  
**MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG13)** [CC] [DV] ✓ 1:05, 4:35, 7:45, 10:55  
**THE RINGER (PG13)** ✓ 11:55, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:25, 11:45  
**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG)** ✓ 10:50, 11:50, 1:25, 2:25, 3:50, 4:50, 6:25, 7:30, 8:55, 9:55, 11:15  
**FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13)** ✓ 11:20, 12:15, 2:05, 2:45, 4:45, 5:40, 7:10, 8:10, 10:00, 10:45, 12:25  
**THE FAMILY STONE (PG13)** 12:10, 2:30, 5:15, 6:40, 7:40, 9:40, 10:25, 12:10  
**KING KONG (PG13)** 11:00, 12:05, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 4:55, 7:15, 8:00, 9:00, 11:25, 12:15  
**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG)** 10:45, 11:45, 12:25, 1:50, 3:05, 3:45, 4:55, 6:15, 7:05, 8:05, 9:30, 10:15, 12:30  
**SYRIANA (R)** 12:20, 3:20, 6:30, 9:35  
**AEON FLUX (PG13)** 11:30 PM  
**YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG)** 11:35, 1:55, 4:10  
**HARRY POTTER 4 (PG13)** 11:55, 3:25, 6:55  
**WALK THE LINE (PG13)** 10:30 PM  
**CHICKEN LITTLE (G)** 11:15 AM

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**RUMOR HAS IT (PG13)** [CC] ✓ 12:30, 3:00, 5:25, 8:15, 10:30  
**WOLF CREEK (R)** ✓ 12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00  
**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG)** ✓ 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20  
**FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13)** ✓ 12:45, 2:55, 5:00, 7:15, 9:30  
**THE FAMILY STONE (PG13)** 2:00, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35  
**KING KONG (PG13)** ✓ 12:00, 2:20, 4:00, 6:05, 8:00, 9:50  
**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG)** 1:15, 4:20, 7:30, 10:30  
**SYRIANA (R)** 1:00, 4:25, 7:10, 10:10  
**YOURS, MINE & OURS (PG)** 12:10 PM

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**CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG)** ✓ 2:00, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10  
**FUN WITH DICK & JANE (PG13)** ✓ 1:50, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40  
**THE FAMILY STONE (PG13)** 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:50  
**KING KONG (PG13)** 1:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:00, 9:30  
**THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG)** 1:40, 4:40, 8:00

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 OC: RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1000 1230 300 535) 800 1025  
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1010 1230 300 535) 800 1025  
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1230 330) 700 1000  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1215 235 500) 730 950 1200  
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1200 335) 705 1030  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1015 1225 245 515) 735 955 1215  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1005 1225 250 520) 750  
 1010 1225  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1005 1210 230 500)  
 725 945 1210  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1000 1220 240 510) 740 1005 1220  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1020 1200 210 350) 615 745 1010 1125  
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1235 400) 635 715 945 1020  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1240 340) 640 935  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1210 1240 320 350) 700 1000

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Glebe Rd, Arlington 800-FANDANGO 377#  
**Adv. Tix on Sale WEDDING CRASHERS SPECIAL**  
 EVENT (R) - ID REQ'D ★  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1150 220 410 450) 705 740 1010  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1100 1145 120 210 340 435)  
 610 710 830 945  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1115 1210 135 230)  
 355 455 625 730 840 1000  
 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1105 115 235 420)  
 505 715 810 1010  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1130 1200 330 400) 735 815  
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 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1000 135 455) 820 1145  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1040 145 445) 725 955 1225  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1035 110 155 415)  
 500 715 805 950 1040 1220  
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 750 1025  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1025 105 405) 710 1015  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 1230 400 430) 730 800 830 1120  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1010 1100 1240 100 120 350)  
 410 430 700 720 740 1030 1120  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1010)  
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1020)

## BETHESDA 10

7272 Wisconsin Avenue 800-FANDANGO 569#  
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1215 325) 720 1015  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1110 420) 715 945  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1220 320) 740 1000  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1250 410) 735 955  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1235 405) 720 1010  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1200 330 400) 1130 730 850  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1230 345) 710 1005  
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 930 1010

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 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1000 1225 250 515) 740 1005  
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1215 345) 715 1045  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1140 210 440) 655 925 1155  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1115 1145 145 215 420 450)  
 650 725 920 1145  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1000 1155 1235 220)  
 300 445 525 710 750 935 1015 1155  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1150 225 500) 735 1020  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1130 1200 1230 330 400 430) 700 730 800  
 830 1100 1130 1200  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (950 1010 1240 100 120 350)  
 410 430 700 720 755 1010 1030 1110

## COUNTRYSIDE STADIUM 20

45980 Regal Plaza 800-FANDANGO 394#  
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1115 230 510) 740 1020  
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1250 410) 720 1030  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1120 220 500) 730 1000  
 MUNICH (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1220 420) 830  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1140 250 530) 800 1025  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1015 1150 110 240 340 520)  
 630 750 900 1015  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1050 1240 140 320)  
 430 550 700 840 930  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1020 100 350) 640 920  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1000 1100 1200 210 310 400) 610 710 810  
 1010  
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1010 120 450) 715 820 1035  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1210 330) 650 945  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1000 1030 1130 1230 130 215)  
 315 415 445 540 645 745 850 950  
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1110 300)  
 620 940

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 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1135 325) 725 1035  
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 1010 1230  
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 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1140 320) 700 1020  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (115 405) 715 1010  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) (955 100 410) 720 1030  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1010 120 430) 740 1130  
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 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1220 325) 650 1005  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1030 105 340) 705 930  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1050 115 350) 800 1025  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1120 125 150 345 420) 715  
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 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1110 1150 220 445)  
 645 745 920 1010  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1000 1240 310) 630 910  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1130 1200 330 400) 735 805  
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1210 320) 635 950  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1000)  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (950 1010 1230 100 120 350)  
 410 435 700 720 750 1020

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 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1000 1240 100 350 410) 700  
 720 1010 1030  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1015 1100 100 140 345 420)  
 740 1015  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1000 1230 300 525)  
 730 800 1000 1035 1215  
 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1030 1250 310 530) 750 1030  
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1020 120 420) 720 1020  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1100 200 445) 715 950 1210  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1200 215 445) 745 1000 1230  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1020 120 420) 710 945  
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1000 110 415) 720 1025  
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1200 325)  
 700

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 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1000 100 355) 700 1010  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1030 130 415) 745 1010  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1115 200 500) 815 1030  
 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1030 130 430) 715 950  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1145 215 445) 745  
 1020  
 OC & DA: FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1015)  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 730 1015  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1130 1200 1230 330 400 430) 730 800 830  
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1200 330) 715 1020  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (645 950)  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (1000 1100 100 200 400 500)  
 700 800 1000  
 HARRY POTTER & THE GOBLET OF FIRE (PG-13) DIG (1145 315)

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 WOLF CREEK (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1130 230 530) 815 1030  
 THE PRODUCERS (PG-13) DIG (1000 100 355) 700 1010  
 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1030 130 415) 745 1010  
 THE RINGER (PG-13) DIG (1115 200 500) 815 1030  
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 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (115 415) 730 1015  
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 RUMOR HAS IT (PG-13) DIG (1030 105 340) 705 930  
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 CHEAPER BY THE DOZEN 2 (PG) DIG (1120 125 150 345 420) 715  
 945  
 FUN WITH DICK AND JANE (PG-13) DIG ★ (1110 1150 220 445)  
 645 745 920 1010  
 FAMILY STONE (PG-13) DIG (1000 1240 310) 630 910  
 KING KONG (PG-13) DIG (1130 1200 330 400) 735 805  
 MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA (PG-13) DIG (1210 320) 635 950  
 SYRIANA (R) - ID REQ'D DIG (1000)  
 CHRONICLES OF NARNIA (PG) DIG (950 1010 1230 100 120 350)  
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## 2005 YEAR IN REVIEW



**WATER EVERYWHERE:** Waters from Lake Pontchartrain, allowed in through a break in New Orleans' protective levees, submerged 80 percent of the city on Aug. 30, the day after Hurricane Katrina rumbled through.



**CIVILIAN MEDICINE:** Terri Jones tries to cool fellow flood victim Dorothy Divic, 89, who overheated outside the New Orleans convention center in September.

# The Unthinkable

**HURRICANE KATRINA** | America saw it coming and yet somehow was caught off-guard.

For days, forecasters tracked a Category 5 hurricane as it lumbered toward one of the country's most vulnerable cities. But when a somewhat weakened Katrina finally made landfall on Aug. 29, it quickly became clear that no one was prepared for the devastation that would follow.

Katrina's heavy downpours, powerful storm surge and relentless winds pulverized the city's vital systems and breached its protective levees, allowing millions of gallons of water from Lake Pontchartrain to drown 80 percent of the city in a murky, toxic soup.

But worse than the massive physical damage was the hurricane's human toll. A flawed evacuation plan that critics say ignored the city's poor left tens of thousands to

swelter and starve in poorly stocked emergency shelters, while hundreds more had to be plucked from rooftops. Americans were shaken by images of New Orleanians begging for water from camera crews who had no trouble reaching them when emergency crews somehow could not. Meanwhile, President Bush praised the ineffectual head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Michael Brown, with perhaps the year's most infamous remark: "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job."

In all, Katrina claimed more than 1,300 lives in five states and caused the largest urban dislocation in American history. But the storm that decimated a great U.S. city also chipped away at Americans' faith in their government to protect them from disasters both natural and manmade, and to help pick up the pieces when the unthinkable happens.





**Jan. 14 | ARMY SPECIALIST CHARLES GRANER** is found guilty on charges he abused detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

**Jan. 20 | PRESIDENT BUSH** is inaugurated for his second term as 43rd President of the United States.

**Feb. 16 | RETAIL GAS PRICES** average \$1.80 per gallon.

**Feb. 25 | SERIAL KILLER** Dennis Rader, known as the "BTK" strangler, is apprehended by Wichita, Kan., police and the FBI.

**March 1 | THE SUPREME COURT** rules the death penalty unconstitutional for people who committed crimes while under the age of 18.

**March 23 | THE 11TH CIRCUIT** Court of Appeals' votes 2-1 refusing to order the reinsertion of a feeding tube for Terri Schiavo, a severely brain damaged woman.

**March 31 | TERRY SCHIAVO** dies at a Pinellas Park, Florida hospice at the age of 41.

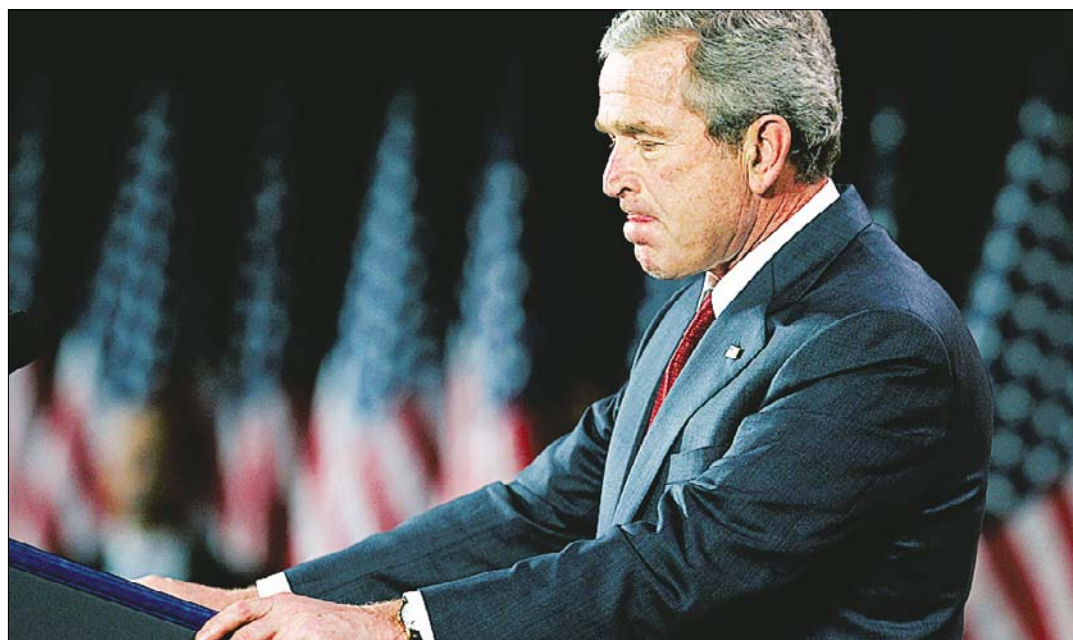
**April 1 | ABC NEWS ANCHOR PETER**



Reporter Judith Miller went to jail for refusing to divulge her source.

## CIA Leak Case Reaches Full Boil

**NEW YORK TIMES** reporter Judith Miller was released Sept. 29 after an 85-day jail sentence after refusing to divulge her source in the unauthorized disclosure of CIA operative Valerie Plame's covert status. The Plame case reached a boiling point in 2005, as I. Lewis Libby, the vice president's chief of staff, was indicted Oct. 28 for obstruction of justice. White House Deputy Karl Rove remained under the lens of Special Investigator Patrick Fitzgerald as a new grand jury was convened in November.



**A MOMENT'S PAUSE:** President Bush presided over a year of domestic struggles from Gulf hurricanes to Hill scandals.

# Bush's Lost Year

**STUMBLING BLOCKS** | President Bush started 2005 with a triumphant re-election, but by year's end, a stunning succession of defeats left him scrambling to raise public confidence in his leadership from an all-time low. Perhaps the biggest overall drain was the war in Iraq, with opponents flaying Bush over the deaths of U.S. troops, which topped 2,100 this year, as well as lingering questions over the administration's rationale for war. By summer, a group of anti-war activists led by Cindy Sheehan, whose son was killed in Iraq, had staked out the president's Texas ranch. In September, the federal response to Hurricane Katrina was widely viewed as both inadequate and incompetent, further desiccating the president's public standing. The year ended with the president hounded by a flap over domestic wiretapping, scandals involving top Republicans and a series of battles with a GOP-controlled Congress.



**A MOTHER'S MISSION:** Sheehan waited at Bush's ranch for answers on Iraq.

**JENNINGS** hosts what will turn out to be his final "World News Tonight" telecast.

**May 13 | THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE** issues a list of bases to be closed as part of the Base Realignment and Closure process.

**May 31 | FORMER FBI AGENT** W. Mark Felt comes forward as Watergate scandal source "Deep Throat."

**June 13 | SINGER MICHAEL JACKSON**



is acquitted of all charges.

**June 16 | RETAIL GAS PRICES** average \$2.10 per gallon.

**July 10 | HURRICANE DENNIS** strikes near Navarre Beach, Fla., as a Category 3 storm, killing 10 people, after claiming more than 50 lives in the Caribbean.

**August 9 | SPACE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY** returns to Edwards Air Force Base, completing the first NASA space flight since the 2003 loss

of the Space Shuttle Columbia and its crew of seven astronauts.

**Aug. 11 | A FLORIDA GRAND JURY** indicts lobbyist Jack Abramoff for bank fraud.

**Aug. 29 | AT LEAST 1,383** are killed, and severe damage is caused along the Gulf Coast, as Hurricane Katrina strikes Louisiana, Mississippi and

Alabama. Within hours, levees give way and New Orleans is flooded.

**Sept. 1 | RETAIL GAS PRICES** average \$3.10 per gallon

**Sept. 24 | HURRICANE RITA** hits the Gulf Coast, causing damage and flooding in Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas and Alabama. The 9th Ward section of New Orleans floods for the



**CONFIRMED:** Chief Justice Roberts easily won Senate approval.



Rosa Parks, who launched the civil rights revolution, died in 2005 at 92.

## Honoring a Pioneer

**ON OCT. 24**, Americans mourned the death of Rosa Parks, the seamstress that helped spark the African-American civil rights movement. Parks' death just shy of the 50th anniversary of her famous refusal to yield her seat on an Alabama bus to a white passenger. Her subsequent arrest and trial launched the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the first of many demonstrations against racial segregation in the country. Parks died at 92.

second time.

**Sept. 28 | HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER** Tom DeLay steps down from his post after being indicted on charges of criminal conspiracy by a Texas grand jury.

**Oct. 24 | HURRICANE WILMA** makes landfall in Florida as a Category 3 hurricane

**Nov. 22 | TED KOPPEL** steps down as host of ABC's "Nightline" after 25 years on the program.

**Dec. 2 | KENNETH BOYD** becomes the 1,000th person to be executed in the U.S. since the reinstatement of capital punishment in 1976.

**Dec. 7 | A FEDERAL AIR MARSHAL** fatally shoots Rigoberto Alpizar on American Airlines Flight 924 at Miami International Airport after Alpizar allegedly claimed to have a bomb.

**Dec. 22 | A TRANSIT STRIKE** in New York City ends after three days.

## The High Court's New Chief

**JUDGE JOHN G. ROBERTS** won confirmation Sept. 29 as Chief Justice of the United States, the first new member of the high court in more than a decade. 2005 ushered in dramatic changes for the court, with Justice Sandra Day O'Connor announcing retirement plans in July and the death of Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist on Sept. 3. President Bush's second high court nominee, White House Counsel Harriet Miers, withdrew her nomination in Oct. 27. Bush's hopes are now pinned on Samuel Alito, who will face confirmation hearings in January.



# In Iraq, Tumult and Toil



**INNOCENCE LOST:** An Iraqi family wails over the coffin of a 9-year-old boy killed in a July suicide bombing in Baghdad.

**TURMOIL** | It seemed nearly every day in 2005 brought a new development from Iraq. As in 2004, the headlines ranged from the grim, including a devastating wave of suicide bombings, to the promising — Iraqis voting for new leaders and thrashing out differences on a new constitution. Meanwhile, ousted leader Saddam Hussein grabbed the spotlight as his historic trial for a mass-killing in 1982 got under way in Baghdad.

Bloodshed in Iraq hit some grim milestones. The U.S. military reached its 2,000th death while estimates of Iraqi civilian casualties ranged from 30,000 to nearly 100,000. Deep ethnic and religious divisions cast doubts on the burgeoning Iraqi political process but strong voter turnout for parliamentary elections provided a spark of hope for a new government.



DOMENICOSTINELLI/AP

## A Papal Transition

**WHEN POPE JOHN PAUL II** fell ill in February, the eyes of the world turned to the Vatican. Thousands of pilgrims trekked to Rome to pray for the popular pontiff in his final days. His death in April signaled the start of a secretive voting process by Catholic cardinals to pick a new leader — which they did with flourish when Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was revealed as the new pontiff, taking the name Pope Benedict XVI.

spreads to Europe as a case is confirmed in Turkey.

**Oct. 15 | IRAQI VOTERS GO** to the polls to approve a new constitution.

**Nov. 5 | AN OUTBREAK OF UNREST** and arson that started in France's immigrant suburbs reaches Paris. Violence lessens two weeks later.

**Nov. 9 | SUICIDE BOMBERS** strike three hotels in Amman, Jordan, killing 60 people

**Nov. 11 | GERMANY'S** political parties seal a hard-fought deal to form a coalition, allowing Angela Merkel to become the first female chancellor.

**Dec. 15 | IRAQIS TURN OUT** in large numbers to vote for a new parliament. Sunni Arabs show strong participation in the poll.

**Dec. 18 | BOLIVIANS** elect leftist Evo Morales president, making him the first Indian leader since the country achieved independence.



**Jan. 1 | INTERNATIONAL** agencies rush to assist in the aftermath of the catastrophic Indian Ocean tsunami.

**Jan. 9 | PALESTINIANS** elect Mahmoud Abbas as president and successor to Yasser Arafat. Abbas wins by a wide margin, giving him a decisive mandate to renew peace talks with Israel and rein in militants.

**Jan. 31 | HEALTH** experts raise fresh concerns about the dangers posed to humans from avian flu as Vietnam says 12 people died from the virus.

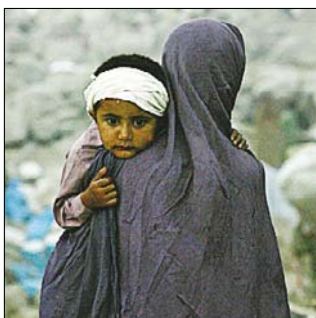
**Feb. 14 | FORMER LEBANESE** Prime Minister Rafik Hariri is assassinated by a powerful car bombing in Beirut and suspicions fall on neighboring Syria.



**Apr. 9 | ENGLAND'S PRINCE** Charles marries longtime love Camilla Parker Bowles, who takes the title Duchess of Cornwall.

**Apr. 26 | THE LAST SYRIAN** soldiers leave Lebanon, ending Syria's 29-year military dominance over Beirut.

**May 29 | FRENCH VOTERS** soundly reject the European Union constitution, delivering French President



DAVID GUTTENFELDER/AP

**VICTIMS:** A quake survivor holds her injured child in Pakistan.

## Jolt of Destruction

**MOTHER NATURE'S** wrath was felt anew when an earthquake hit the Pakistan-India border on Oct. 8, killing some 87,000 people and leaving more than 3 million homeless. Worried relief officials made urgent appeals for aid as winter arrived in the stricken region.

Jacques Chirac a stinging defeat.

**Jun. 24 | IRANIANS CHOOSE** ultra-conservative Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to be the country's next president in a runoff election.

**Jun. 26 | SIX MONTHS** after the Indian Ocean tsunami, the death toll stands at 178,000 in 11 countries with another 50,000 missing and presumed dead.

**Jun. 30 | SPAIN BECOMES** the third country to legalize gay marriage.

**July 2 | LIVE 8** concerts are held in cities around the globe to draw attention to poverty in Africa ahead of the annual Group of Eight summit.

**Aug. 2 | A U.N. FOOD** agency makes an urgent appeal for emergency aid for the African nation of Niger. The country's food shortage leaves millions fighting to fend off starvation.

**Aug. 3 | FOURTEEN MARINES** from a Reserve unit in Ohio are killed in the deadliest roadside bombing suffered by American forces in the Iraq war.

**Aug. 8 | IRAN RESUMES** work at a uranium conversion facility after sus-

pending nuclear work for nine months to avoid U.N. sanctions.

**Aug. 22 | THE LAST JEWISH** settlers leave the Gaza Strip, ending a dramatic and historic Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and part of the West Bank.

**Sept. 19 | NORTH KOREA** pledges to drop its nuclear weapons development and rejoin international arms treaties, but leaders quickly backpedal and disarmament talks stall.

**Oct. 5 | HEAVY RAIN FALLS** in Central America for the fourth straight day. More than 1,600 people are killed, most in Guatemala.

**Oct. 12 | A DEADLY STRAIN** of bird flu that has killed humans in Asia



JANE MINGAY/AP

**AFTERMATH:** An injured woman is helped near the Edgware Road station.

## Terrorism Strikes New Ground in London

**IT WAS A SCENE** that was hauntingly familiar. A morning commute transformed into scenes of panic after attacks on three rush-hour subway trains and a bus in London killed 56 people on July 7, including four bombers with ties to Islamic militants. Authorities said three of the alleged bombers were born in Britain to immigrant parents from Pakistan; the fourth was from Jamaica. A failed attempt to repeat the bombings two weeks later cost no lives but capped the worst attacks on London since World War II.





**Jan. 27 | D.C.-BASED** Riggs Bank pleads guilty to federal charges that it neglected to prevent money laundering by foreign interests; PNC bank of Pittsburgh would later buy Riggs.

**Feb. 13 | A MAN IS** stabbed to death at Club U, a go-go establishment in the District's Reeves municipal center at 14th and U streets NW.

**Feb. 23 | A BATCH OF** small earthquakes shakes Maryland, but no damage is reported.

**March 8 | AFTER A SERIES** of mercury spills at D.C.'s Cardozo High School, classes are relocated to the University of the District of Columbia.



**March 16 | WANDA ALSTON**, head of the District's Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs Office,

is found stabbed to death in her Northeast home.

**April 14 | RFK MEMORIAL** Stadium sees Major League Baseball return after 34 years.

**April 18 | A TRUCK** and a school bus collide on Columbia Pike in Arlington, killing two children.

**April 28 | THOMAS SWEATT** of the District is picked up by police, suspected of starting nearly 50 fires in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. The serial arsonist pleaded guilty on June 6 in federal court.



**IN FLIGHT:** An errant aircraft forced an evacuation of the White House.

**May 11 | FIGHTER JETS** swoop over downtown Washington as a private plane accidentally violates protected airspace; White House, congressional campus evacuated.

**May 23 | AMID AN** upheaval at the financially troubled Corcoran Gallery of Art, Director David Levy resigns; trustees table plans for gallery's new Frank Gehry wing.

**June 17 | D.C. POLICE** Chief Charles Ramsey's car is left on a street in Southwest where it is later stolen.

**July 13 | NOTORIOUS** graffiti artist Jonathan Tsombikos, aka Borf, is



NATIONAL ZOO



**HE'S GROWING UP SO FAST:** From a mere "butterstick" at birth to a playful toddler at six months, Tai Shan has wowed D.C.

# An Instant Celebrity

**THE YEAR IN CUTE** | For the latter half of 2005, productivity in the nation's capital decreased significantly. And a cute ball of fur is to blame. For months, eyeballs across Washington have been glued to the National Zoo's panda cam to watch Tai Shan, the now-nearly six-month-old male giant panda cub. Growing up before a public audience, Tai Shan has attracted record traffic to the zoo's panda cam. And when the creature of near-universal happiness, a product of artificial insemination, made his public debut earlier this month, tickets for timed viewing slots were snatched up quickly. The little critter has sparked muted controversy at times, particularly over his name. Some people still like to call Tai Shan by a name pushed by bloggers and others: Butterstick, a reference to the description of Tai Shan's size at birth.

arrested in the District.

**July 18 | SIX-YEAR-OLD** Donmiguel Wilson is found drowned in a bathtub in Southeast Washington; his mother is charged with his death.

**July 28 | VIRGINIA** Congressman Tom Davis introduces legislation that would give Metro \$1.5 billion, contingent on agency reforms and whether the District, Maryland and Virginia can find a dedicated funding source for area transit.

**Aug. 25 | 19 MEMBERS** of the feared Mara Salvatruchas gang are indicted in federal court in Maryland on racketeering charges.

**Sept. 28 | BALTIMORE** Mayor Martin O'Malley officially launches his bid

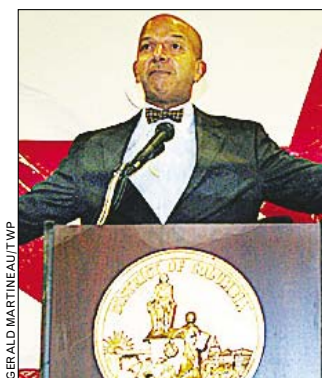


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**THE WINNER:** Democrat Tim Kaine prevailed in the Va. governor's race.

## Virginia Picks Kaine

**THIS YEAR'S NASTY** gubernatorial race in Virginia was full of surprises. Some political observers were surprised that the winner, Democratic Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine, beat out Republican Jerry Kilgore in areas the very popular Democratic Gov. Mark Warner lost four years ago: suburban and exurban Northern Virginia. The results could be a bellwether for voting patterns in other areas of the country for the 2006 congressional elections. Voters will likely look to Kaine now to deliver on his promise to improve transportation in the commonwealth's crowded and growing suburbs near Washington.



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**IT'S OFFICIAL:** Anthony Williams said he's not seeking a third term.

## Mayor Steps Aside

**D.C. MAYOR** Anthony Williams announced on Sept. 29 that he wouldn't seek a third term, opening the door to a number of candidates for the September 2006 Democratic primary. Currently, the mayoral race includes D.C. Council Chair Linda Cropp, Council members Adrian Fenty and Vincent Orange, lawyer and Democratic Party operative Michael Brown and former Verizon executive Marie Johns. Williams leaves an unsettled legacy, highlighted by a redeveloped city where prosperity is uneven. And the debacle over the future of the Washington Nationals' proposed ballpark remains unsettled.

for the Democratic nomination in Maryland's 2006 gubernatorial race.



**Oct. 10 | AMERICAN UNIVERSITY** trustees announce that they voted to oust the university's scandal-tarred president,

Benjamin Ladner.

**Oct. 20 | MONTGOMERY COUNTY** Executive Doug Duncan officially announces his bid for the Democratic nomination in Maryland's 2006 gubernatorial race.

**Nov. 8 | PRINCE GEORGE'S** County Council votes to institute a smoking ban in restaurants and bars starting in 2006.

**Nov. 22 | A FEDERAL JURY** finds Falls Church, Va., resident Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 24, guilty on terrorism conspiracy charges.

**Dec. 6 | THE D.C. COUNCIL** gives preliminary approval to a smoking ban in restaurants and bars, to be phased in over the next year.

**Dec. 21 | REPUBLICAN** Bob McDonnell is affirmed as the winner of Virginia's attorney general's race, after a recount.



**Feb. 6 | THE NEW ENGLAND**

**PATRIOTS** win their third Super Bowl in four years.

**Feb. 14 | JOSE CANSECO'S** book on steroids sets off a chain reaction in the sports world.

**March 13 | MARYLAND** misses its first NCAA Tournament in 11 years.

**March 17 | RAFAEL PALMEIRO**, Mark McGwire and others testify during a congressional panel on steroids.

**March 22 | TENNESSEE** women's coach Pat Summitt wins her 880th game, passing Dean Smith for the most all-time coaching victories in the NCAA.



**March 27 | ANNIKA SORENSTAM** continues to dominate the LPGA by winning the Kraft Nabisco Championship for

her fifth consecutive victory.

**April 4 | ROY WILLIAMS** finally wins an NCAA Tournament, leading North Carolina to a victory over Illinois.

**April 10 | TIGER WOODS** wins the Masters in a dramatic playoff for his ninth major victory. He later won the British Open for No. 10.

**April 14 | BASEBALL** returns to the nation's capital when the Nationals

defeat the Arizona Diamondbacks.

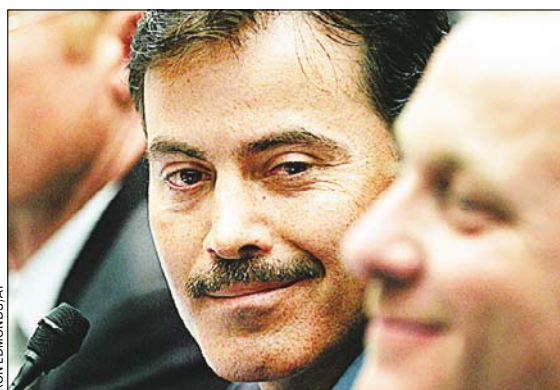
**May 6 | THE WASHINGTON** Wizards complete a comeback from 0-2 to defeat the Bulls for the team's first playoff series win since 1982.

**May 29 | DANICA PATRICK** finishes fourth in the Indianapolis 500, the best result ever for a woman.

**June 11 | MIKE TYSON** loses to Kevin McBride at the MCI Center.

**June 23 | THE SAN ANTONIO** Spurs defeat the Detroit Pistons to win their second NBA title in three years.

**July 6 | LONDON** selected to host the

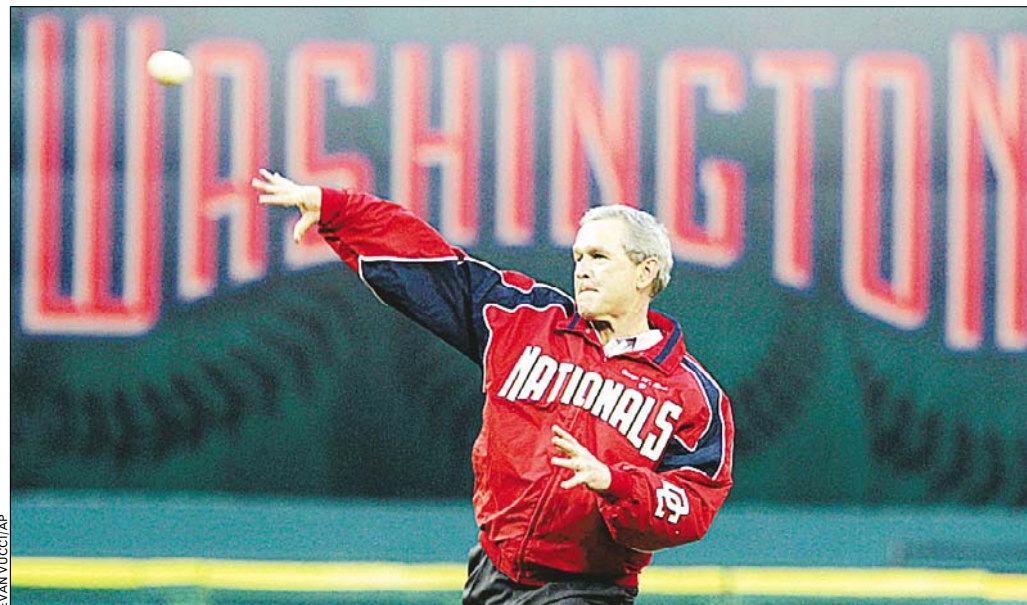


**YEAH, RIGHT:** Palmiero tells Congress he never used steroids.

## A Juicy Story

**IT WAS A SIGHT TO SEE.** Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa, Rafael Palmeiro and other big-league stars testifying in front of a March 17 Congressional panel on steroids brought about by, of all things, a book written by Jose Canseco. One by one, the stars said they were clean, with Orioles slugger Palmeiro wagging his finger at the politicians and proclaiming: "I have never used steroids. Period." Soon enough, all fingers were pointed at Palmeiro, suspended for doping on Aug. 1. Considered a Hall-of-Famer with 3,000 hits and 500 homers, Palmeiro is now the face of baseball's steroid age, in which players' stats suspiciously jumped to unnaturally high levels.

# The Year of the Nationals

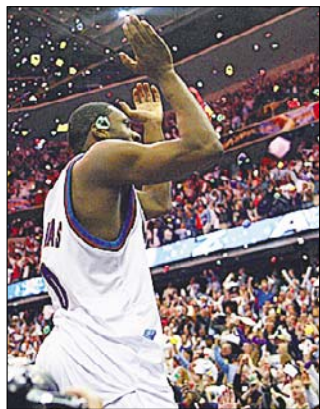


**INAUGURATION DAY:** President Bush tosses the first pitch before the Nationals' first game in Washington on April 14.

**NEW ERA** | How often does a city get to enjoy a baseball team's first year of existence? Three if you're the nation's capital. The third time seemed to be the charm for D.C., as 2.75 million fans filled RFK Stadium from the time President Bush threw out the opening pitch in the Washington Nationals' April 14 win over the Arizona Diamondbacks to the team's Oct. 2 loss to the Phillies.

Along the way, seats shook, home runs died in RFK's outfield, "Guz" chants turned to "boos," and a city fell in love with its team. Hope sprung eternal for a while, too, with the no-name Nats holding on to first place in the NL East into July before the team's magic melted away in the summer months.

By then, it didn't matter, though. Washington was officially a baseball town once again.



## A Magical Season

**NBA PLAYOFFS** and Washington rarely go together, but they did in 2005 thanks to the "Big 3" of Gilbert Arenas, Antawn Jamison and Larry Hughes. The Wizards won 45 games in the regular season before coming back from an 0-2 deficit to defeat the Chicago Bulls in the franchise's first playoff series victory since 1982. Because the Bullets used to play in Landover, Md., Game 3 of the Wizards-Bulls series was the first NBA playoff game ever played inside city limits.

2012 Summer Olympics.

**July 24 | LANCE ARMSTRONG** rides into the sunset with his seventh straight Tour de France title in his final race before retirement.

**Aug. 1 | RAFAEL PALMEIRO** is suspended for 10 games for failing a steroid test, two weeks after collecting his 3,000th hit.

**Sept. 11 | ROGER FEDERER** wins his third major of the year by topping Andre Agassi at the U.S. Open.

**Sept. 19 | MARK BRUNELL** hits Santana Moss for two long touchdown passes in the final three minutes to lead the Redskins to a 14-13 win over the Cowboys.



**Oct. 5 | ROOKIE STAR** Alex Ovechkin makes his debut for the Capitals as the NHL returns after the cancellation of the 2004-



**SWEEP SUCCESS:** Santana Moss' two TDs seal the first of two wins over Dallas.

## How 'Bout Them Redskins?

**IN JOE GIBBS'** second year back in the NFL, the Redskins took a giant leap forward from last year to actually resemble a professional team. Season highlights included the renaissance of veteran quarterback Mark Brunell, who led Washington to its first season sweep of the archrival Dallas Cowboys since 1995, and a late-season push that had the Redskins in position to reach the playoffs for the first time since the 1999-2000 season.

05 season due to a work stoppage.

**Oct. 18 | FREDDY ADU** complains about his playing time with D.C. United, leading to a one-game suspension during the playoffs.

**Oct. 26 | THE CHICAGO** White Sox defeat the Houston Astros for their first World Series title since 1917.

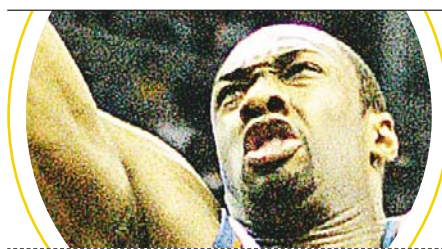
**Nov. 7 | THE PHILADELPHIA** Eagles cut ties with controversial wide receiver Terrell Owens by suspending him for publicly criticizing Donovan McNabb yet again.

**Nov. 20 | TONY STEWART** wins the Chase for the Nextel Cup, completing his dominant season.

**Dec. 18 | THE SAN DIEGO** Chargers end the then-13-0 Indianapolis Colts' run at perfection.

**Dec. 18 | THE REDSKINS** sweep the Dallas Cowboys with a dominating 35-7 victory for their biggest rout ever against their archrivals.



**WIZARDS**

**Off Their Guard:** Washington will need Gilbert Arenas to shoot better than in his last game in order to end Miami's bullying streak | 23

# Sports Weekend

## The One to Decide

Five years of watching playoffs can end with one more win Sunday

**REDSKINS** | They were afraid. They were very afraid.

In a game where power and confidence reign, the Washington Redskins didn't find their true identity until Week 12, when that very ungladiatorial emotion bored its way to the front of their minds.

But sometimes fear — in this case, the dread of being excluded from the playoffs for a sixth-straight season — can work to your favor.

With a losing record after 11 games, the Redskins (now at 9-6) vowed to everyone who'd listen that they'd win the next five and make the postseason. It seemed a tenuous promise at best.

But like an honors student cramming for finals, they've made up the ground and are now on the verge of grabbing a wild card spot, or even the NFC East crown if they win and the Giants lose this weekend.

"It's nice to be in a position where the records are dropped and it's win or go home," Redskins safety Ryan Clark said. "We've been in that position the last few weeks, so we need to play this game like we've played the previous games."

The Redskins' ability to win the



**YAY JOE:** The first time around, Gibbs took the 'Skins to the playoffs (and Super Bowl) in his second year. This time around ... ?

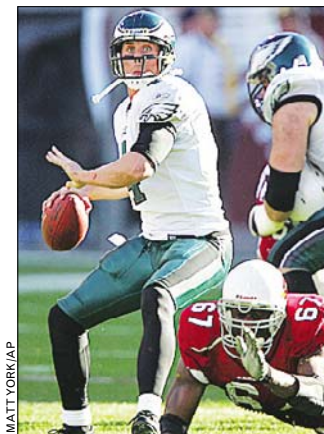
last four games is not as surprising as the way they went about doing it. It was as if head coach Joe Gibbs flipped a switch in the players' heads on Dec. 4 at St. Louis and gave them the confidence to play his brand of football, where solid defensive performances (including 11 forced turnovers) and robust rushing totals (693 yards on the ground) equal late-season wins.

"From where we were at 5-6 it's pretty remarkable," said quarterback Mark Brunell, who was hoping to play Sunday despite spraining his right knee against the Giants. "But if we don't get this one, it'd be a tough way to end the season."

The Eagles (6-9) look more like lemmings than birds of prey. Last year's NFC champs are marching toward the off-season cliff with their

fates sealed, thanks to a slew of injuries and the midseason Terrell Owens saga. They'll play Sunday without quarterback Donovan McNabb, tailback Brian Westbrook and cornerback Lito Sheppard, all of whom are on injured reserve.

Philadelphia has lost seven of its last nine — including a 27-21 loss at Arizona last week — and their once-formidable defense is now ranked



### 3 BURNING QUESTIONS

→ **Who's motivated?** With the playoffs at stake, you'd assume the Redskins will show up mentally. But will the Eagles be already looking toward the off-season?

→ **Can the 'Skins keep running?** On paper, Philadelphia's defense doesn't seem up to slowing down Washington's juggernaut running game.

→ **Who can take it away?** Washington has forced 11 turnovers during its four-game winning streak. Philly QB Mike McMahon's interception that was returned for a touchdown proved to be the difference in last week's loss to Arizona.

27th in the league.

"I'm very shocked [at how our season has gone]," Eagles linebacker and former Redskin Jeremiah Trotter said. "For [Washington], it's do or die. We've got to play the best game of our season [to beat them]." **ERIC BRADNER**

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## Wiz Need Their Fill of Gil



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- **SUN BOWL:** (Friday, 2 p.m., CBS) Northwestern takes on UCLA.
- **INDEPENDENCE BOWL:** (Friday, 3:30 p.m., ESPN) South Carolina against Missouri.
- **PEACH BOWL:** (Friday, 7:30 p.m., ESPN) Miami versus LSU.
- **COLLEGE HOOPS:** (Friday, 8 p.m., ESPN2) Ohio at Kentucky.



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- **MEINEKE CAR CARE BOWL:** (Saturday, 11 a.m., ESPN2) Coach Chuck Amato (left) leads N.C. State against South Florida.
- **LIBERTY**

- BOWL:** (Saturday, 1 p.m., ESPN) Fresno St. takes on Tulsa.
- **HOUSTON BOWL:** (Saturday, 2:30 p.m., ESPN2) TCU and Iowa St. go at it.
- **COLLEGE HOOPS:** (Saturday at 2 p.m. on FSN) Arizona at Washington
- **COLLEGE HOOPS:** (Saturday at 4 p.m. on FSN) Louisville vs. Miami.
- **COLLEGE HOOPS:** (Saturday at 4:30 p.m. on ESPN) Alabama at Oklahoma.

## Washington doesn't win when their point guard has a bad game

WIZARDS | Washington is a winning team when Gilbert Arenas shoots well. They're one of the worst clubs in the league when he doesn't.

The Wizards are 10-7 this year when Arenas makes more than a third of his shots. When he shoots under 33 percent, as he did against the Suns in Wednesday night's 104-99 loss, they're 1-8.

Washington is, of course, hardly the only team to whose fortunes ride on their star. The division-leading Miami Heat — who the Wizards (12-15) play tonight in the MCI Center — are 8-3 with Shaquille O'Neil in the lineup, 9-9 without him.

When Arenas struggles, coach Eddie Jordan doesn't seem too concerned. After Wednesday's game,



Point guard Gilbert Arenas' 30 percent shooting Wednesday left the Wizards rather short on offensive output, with the exception of Caron Butler's 22 points.

Jordan instead focused on his team's late-game turnovers and offensive confusion. Washington's season-long defensive woes also won't go away: The Wizards led the Suns by seven with 3:20 to go, but Phoenix dominated the game's end to snap their 3-game winning streak.

A new lineup has given them some spark — Washington is 3-1 since Caron Butler has become a starter, and Jared Jeffries is scoring and rebounding more as a shooting guard — but not an easy answer for O'Neil. Center Etan Thomas called guarding O'Neil "the biggest challenge in the NBA. ... What can I say? You just gotta do your best."

The Wizards will need their best: Miami has beaten them in 13 consecutive games, including last year's post-season drubbing, making this evening's game another good gauge of the Wizards ability to run with the NBA's elite. TIMOTHY FOLLOS (EXPRESS)

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL | BOWLED OVER



IT'S ALL UTES: Utah's Travis LaTendresse, right, celebrates with teammate Brian Hernandez after scoring a touchdown against Georgia Tech during the Emerald Bowl Thursday in San Francisco. Utah won the game 38-10.

## It's Home Sweet Home for USC in Bowl

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Southern California traveled nearly 3,000 miles to win the national championship last season. Now, the Trojans area bus ride away.

They're working out on their practice field. They can order their regular room service meal. And they'll follow a familiar 15 miles to Pasadena for the game.



USC coach Pete Carroll has them ready.

At this rate, perhaps they should play the Rose Bowl right inside the Coliseum, too.

"It's like a home game for us," Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush said. "We don't have to travel, we don't have to do any of that."

The Texas Longhorns can see — and hear — what they're up against. "We're in their city. It's supposed to happen like that," quarterback Vince Young said. (AP)

## DreamTeam

FANTASY FOOTBALL | BY CHRIS MINCHER

## Can't Save the Best for Last

CONGRATS! IF YOU'RE reading this, you're in your fantasy championship, the zenith of sports dorkiness. But now you've got issues. You've come far with stars that will be serving Gatorade a few plays into this week's game. It used to be easy — stick in your big guns and giggle as they go off. Now you need help. Hey, the championship gauges the best manager is, so suck it up.

Tips for scrounging: avoid teams with agendas. Ronnie Brown is good, but Miami will showcase Ricky Williams so they can unload him later. Willy Parker should cake-walk through Detroit's line, but the Steelers want Jerome Bettis to retire with a big day. And so on.

Here are two sneaky slip-ins if needed, and duds to drop for them.

## LONG WAY TO RUN

→ **TONY FISHER, RB, GREEN BAY PACKERS.** It's a safe assumption that the Packers will put up numbers against



Packers' RB looks to spike the ball a few times against Seattle's squad o'scrubs.

Seattle's second team — right?

→ **CEDRIC HOUSTON, RB, NEW YORK JETS.** Nevermind the fans — Buffalo's deflated defensive line should wear paper bags on their heads.

## BAY-AREA BUMS

→ **MARQUES TUIASOPO, QB, OAKLAND RAIDERS.** Coach Norv Turner runs Oakland's offense like someone forced to drive stick for the first time — jam into any gear you can and ignore the sputtering sounds.

→ **BILLY BAJEMA, TE, SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS.** It seemed Bajema might get the looks Eric Johnson got last year. Instead, there weren't looks for any 49er this season.



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# Seeing No Capital Gains

Early opportunities in 2006 may get the team back on track

**CAPITALS** | The new year is here, and the Capitals suddenly appear to be back where they started. The luster of last week's consecutive wins, and talk about making progress in the standings, has been wiped out by games that seem to confirm the preseason's pessimistic predictions.

They blew a two-goal lead Tuesday to Boston, losing in overtime to a team that outworked and outthrustled them. One night later, they fell apart in New Jersey, suffering a 7-2 thrashing — the Caps' worst defeat in nearly two months — due to a defense in disarray, too many penalties and an attack that relied overly on Alexander Ovechkin.



Alexander Ovechkin is responsible for more than a fifth of the Capitals offense.

"We have a very simple game plan that should be fairly easily executed, and, when we stray, this is what

happens," coach Glen Hanlon said after the Boston game.

But the Caps (12-20-3) have an

## TWICE AS ICE

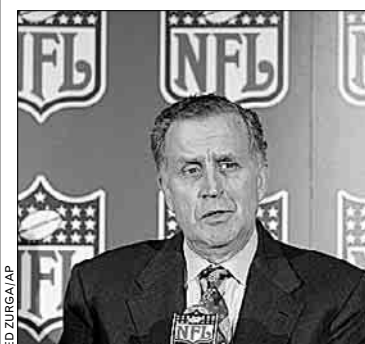
The Caps have relied on two players to keep them in games:

- Alexander Ovechkin has the highest percentage of his team's goals (21.8%) in the entire NHL.
- Only Florida's Robert Luongo has faced more shots than Capitals goalie Olie Kolzig.
- Washington is respectable at home, with an 8-8-2 record.

opportunity to get back on track in '06 with a six-game homestand, beginning Saturday against Philadelphia and Sunday against Atlanta. Hanlon reportedly will mix up his defensive pairings to help beleaguered goalie Olie Kolzig.

"We're trying to claw our way back," Caps captain Jeff Halpern said. **BRIAN STRAUS**

## In Brief



Tagliabue may get an earful from players angry at how they've been treated.

## FOOTBALL

### NFL Commissioner Set to Meet With Saints on Friday

The New Orleans Saints have waited all season for a visit from NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue. The meeting comes Friday, two days before their hurricane-plagued season ends. Players' reactions to Tagliabue could resemble some of the Saints' games during a 3-12 season — ugly. "I think it's going to vary from player to player," offensive tackle Wayne Gandy said Thursday. **(AP)**

## FOOTBALL

### Woodson Placed on IR; May Be Done with the Raiders

The Raiders placed Charles Woodson on injured reserve Thursday, ending the four-time Pro Bowl cornerback's season and possibly signaling the end of his career in Oakland.

Woodson has not played since breaking his right leg in an Oct. 23 win over Buffalo. Though the team hoped Woodson would be able to return this season, the ex-Heisman Trophy winner has been slow to recover. **(AP)**



Woodson

## Speculation Stirs On Next Steps For Brett Favre

**FOOTBALL** | Last Sunday's game against the Chicago Bears offered proof Brett Favre has still got it: a 56-yard dart to wide receiver Donald Driver, putting the Packers in position for a comeback.

What happened next is why people are wondering if Favre's time is up.

Back-to-back sacks, a heave for an interception — his fourth of the game and career-worst

28th of the season — and another Packers loss.

Injuries and free agency have cost Favre most of his supporting cast this year, leaving some to wonder if Sunday's game against the Seahawks at Lambeau Field might be Favre's last.

"I've had so many people say, 'Well, you can't go out that way. You've got to come back and redeem yourself,'" Favre said. "But in all honesty, if this is it, I have gone out on top." **(AP)**



Favre

# To Be the Biggest Loser

Race for Reggie Bush might make Houston, 49ers game watchable

**PRO PICKS** | In a week full of games that might be played as if they were exhibitions, Houston's visit to San Francisco could have a long-term effect on five teams.

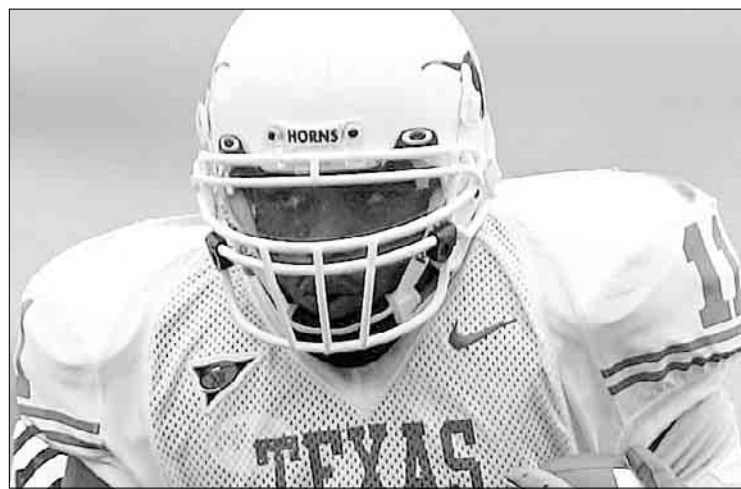
No playoff spots involved, of course.

Think Reggie Bush, the electric Southern Cal running back who won the Heisman Trophy.

If the 49ers win, the Texans will be all alone at the bottom (or the top of the draft if you view it that way.) If the Texans win, they will have three victories, same as the 49ers, and could create a five-way tie because Green Bay, the New York Jets and New Orleans also enter the final week 3-12.

Both teams have been playing hard. But let's say integrity rules and Houston wins. **TEXANS, 19-17.**

→ **CAROLINA** (minus 4) at **ATLANTA**. The Panthers need this for a playoff spot. But they are 1-9 lifetime at the Georgia Dome. **PANTHERS, 23-20.**



A little too early to be putting Reggie Bush photo with an NFL story? Naaahh.

→ **NEW ORLEANS** (plus 14) at **TAMPA BAY**. A win by the Bucs gives them the NFC South. **BUCS, 28-3.**

→ **NEW YORK GIANTS** (minus 8) at **OAKLAND**. The Giants need a win to take the NFC East. Kerry Collins is prone to turnovers under pressure and New York's DEs have combined for 24 sacks. **GIANTS, 31-17.**

→ **WASHINGTON** (minus 7) at **PHILADELPHIA**. Washington's motivation is a playoff berth. **REDSKINS, 27-21.**

→ **DETROIT** (plus 14) at **PITTSBURGH**. Steelers make playoffs with a win. No chance for Lions. **STEELERS, 41-3.**

→ **CINCINNATI** (plus 7½) at **KANSAS CITY**. The Chiefs are 6-1 at home and motivated by having a crack at a playoff spot. **CHIEFS, 31-20.**

→ **ST. LOUIS** (plus 12½) at **DALLAS**. If the Cowboys are still alive for this Sunday night game, they could win big. If they're not, who knows? **COWBOYS 12-11.** **DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)**

## FOOTBALL

### Dungy Rejoins Indianapolis; Will Coach Team on Sunday

Tony Dungy hugged his players and his assistant coaches and thanked the public for its support after returning to Indianapolis on Thursday. Then, he went back to work. One week after leaving the Colts to mourn the death of son James, the coach ran practices, team meetings and announced he would coach Sunday's regular-season finale against Arizona. **(AP)**





## ON TV THIS WEEKEND

**POPEYE'S VOYAGE: THE SEARCH FOR PAPPY**

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## OVER-OAKED CHARDONNAY

Regis Philbin hosts **NEW YEAR'S EVE LIVE** (Sat., 11 p.m., Fox). Jillian Barberie, Nick Cannon, Tyler Hilton and John O'Hurley also appear.



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## MICKEY'S BIG MOUTH

### DICK CLARK'S NATURAL HABITAT

(6:30 p.m.), and William Shatner's (8p.m.) unforgettable meltdown at 30,000 feet. Sunday's episodes showcase Cloris Leachman (1 p.m.), Burt Reynolds (1 p.m.), Carol Burnett (5 p.m.) and Dick York (7 p.m.).

## THE CHIN OF JUSTICE

## LEAPS INTO ACTION

Since New Year's Day falls on a Sunday, viewers will have to wait for Monday for the traditional Tournament of Roses Parade and several key bowl games. ABC has seized the opportunity to broadcast a brand new show directly after a glance back at the season's action on **DESPERATE HOUSEWIVES** (Sun., 9 p.m., ABC).

MacLachlan's lawyer character may be sleazy, but his hair is fabulous.

convicted. Kyle MacLachlan appears to be having fun as David Swain, a slightly sleazy high-powered lawyer given to spasms of altruism. We can't quite tell if he is a cynic pretending to be passionate or the other way around. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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SCI FI	(5:00) ★★ "Alien Siege" (2005) 4		★★ "Species" (1995) Ben Kingsley, Natasha Henstridge. 4				★ "Species III" (2004, Science Fiction) Sunny Mabrey, Robin Dunne. 4				★★ "Decoys" (2004) Corey Sevier.			
SPIKE	★★★ "You Only Live Twice" (1967, Adventure) Sean Connery, James Bond pursues missing space capsules. 4						★★★ "Dr. No." (1963) Sean Connery, James Bond encounters a nefarious scientist in Jamaica.				For Your Eyes			
TBS	Seinfeld 4		Seinfeld 4		Every-Raymond		Every-Raymond		★★★ "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (1999) Mike Myers.					
TLC	Martha Patti LaBelle performs. 4		What Not to Wear Female Firefighter.		What Not to Wear "Courtney"		What Not to Wear "Laurie" 4		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear "Courtney"			
TNT	Charmed "Enter the Demon" 4		Law & Order "Sundown" 4		★★ "Miss Congeniality" (2000) Sandra Bullock, Michael Caine. 4 (DVS)		★★ "Overboard" (1997, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell. 4		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4			
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit 4			
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SPANISH	TELEMUNIV	Sala de Parejas	Noti-Telemundo	★★★ "Homeward Bound: The Incredible Journey" (1993) Robert Hays.		★★★ "101 Dalmatians" (1996, Aventura) Voices of Glenn Close, Jeff Daniels.						Noti-Telemundo	Titulares y Mas	
		-Que Locura!	Noticiero Univ	Piel de Otoño Mujeres valientes.		La Gran Noche de Alborada						Primer Impacto	Noticiero Univ.	
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CARTOON	CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight 4		The Situation Room		Paula Zahn Now 4		Larry King Live 4		Anderson Cooper 360 4				
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	MSNBC	Abrams Report Court cases of 2006.		Hardball 4		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Rita Cosby Live & Direct		Scarborough Country		The Situation With Tucker Carlson		
MOVIES	AMC	(1:15) ★ "Death Wish II" (1982, Drama) Charles Bronson, Jill Ireland. 'R'				★★★ "The Usual Suspects" (1995, Suspense) Stephen Baldwin. 'R'		Movies Shook		Movies 101	★★★ "Arachnophobia" (1990) 4			
	TCM	(1:15) ★★★★★ "Singin' in the Rain" (1952) Gene Kelly. 'G' 4 (DVS)				★★ "Rhapsody in Blue" (1945) Robert Alda. Based on the life of composer George Gershwin.		★★★ "Funny Face" (1957) Fred Astaire. 'NR' 4						
	HBO	(4:45) "Something's Gotta Give" 4		Inside the NFL 4		Rome Caesar is anointed emperor. 4		Rome Vorenus is rewarded. 4		Rome "Kalends of February" 4		★★★ "Carlito's Way" (1993) 4 'R'		
	MAX	★★ "The Matrix Revolutions" (2003) Keanu Reeves. 4 'R' 4				(1:15) ★★ "Taxi" (2004, Comedy) Queen Latifah, Jimmy Fallon. 4 'PG-13' 4		★★ "Resident Evil: Apocalypse" (2004) Milla Jovovich.				Hollywood Sex		
	SHOW	★ "Gone Dark" (2003) Lauren Bacall. ITV. 4 'R' 4		(2:5) ★★ "The Stepford Wives" (2004) Nicole Kidman.		★★★ "Super Size Me" (2004) iTV. 4 'PG-13' 4		(4:5) Horrorfeast		The L Word "Lagrimas de Oro" (iTV)				
TMC	(1:15) ★★ "The Stickup" (2001, Crime Drama) James Spader. 4 'R' 4		★★ "The Dangerous Lives of Altar Boys" (2002) Kieran Culkin. 4 'R' 4		★ "House of the Dead" (2003) Jonathan Cherry. 'R' 4		Last Seduction							
STARZ!	(5:15) ★★ "D2: The Mighty Ducks" 4		(5:5) ★★ "Angels in the Outfield" (1994) Danny Glover. 4 'PG' 4		★★★ "Shall We Dance?" (2004) Richard Gere. 4 'PG-13' 4		(10:50) ★★ "D.E.S." (2004) 'PG-13' 4							
ENCORE	(5:05) ★★ "Jersey Girl" (2004) Ben Affleck, Liv Ullmann. 4 'PG-13' 4		★★★ "The Nutty Professor" (1996) Eddie Murphy. 4		(4:5) ★★ "Crimson Tide" (1995) Denzel Washington. 4 'R' 4		(4:5) Gun Shy 'R'							

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## Food

### American restaurants embrace a staple of 1950s-era cuisine

Growing up in Texas, chef Gavin McMichael used to ask his mom to make meatloaf for his birthday each year. Now that he has his own restaurant, meatloaf is on the menu, along with quail stuffed with foie gras.

"I was a huge fan, so of course I had to have meatloaf on my dinner menu," said McMichael, a partner in the Blacksmith restaurant in one of the fastest-growing sections of Oregon. "We are creating foodies as fast as we can. Then they want to try things like foie gras."

Mom made meatloaf to stretch the food budget. Dad ate it because it tasted good, especially with lots of ketchup. Now Baby Boomers are ordering it in restaurants. Meatloaf may not be tops on the healthy food list, though it can certainly be made that way with lean meats and lots of veggies. But this comfort food that became an American staple during the Depression is hanging on, growing up and branching out.

"It has graduated from diner food into restaurant food," while remaining a home-cooking staple, said Andrew Smith, editor in chief of the "Oxford Encyclopedia of American Food and Drink." "It is real American food. It is something that is part of our early lives

and part of our heritage."

Meatloaf comes out of the late 19th century, when meat grinders became popular, said Lynne Olver, editor of the Web site Foodtimeline.org. The 1884 "Boston Cooking School Cookbook" has recipes for ground veal mixed with breadcrumbs and eggs, baked in small individual molds.

"A big old loaf of meat would violate the American Victorian sense of decorum," she said.

The word meatloaf appears regularly in the New York Times in the 1930s and 1940s, when the Depression and World War II made stretching food dollars imperative. But it was the 1950s when America "embraced" meatloaf.

# Keeping Up the Meatloaf

James E. McWilliams, assistant professor of history at Texas State University at San Marcos and author of "A Revolution in Eating, How the Quest for Food Shaped America," sees meatloaf's roots in scrapple, a mixture of ground pork

and cornmeal made by German-Americans in Pennsylvania since Colonial times. "It's a food that's quite consistent with an American attitude," McWilliams said. "It is so open to interpretation and flexible. Its origins are humble."

President Ronald Reagan was a famous fan, and writer Jean Shepherd included family battles over meatloaf in the movie "A Christmas Story." Little brother Randy declares he hates meatloaf, and The Old Man threatens to use

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FANCY FEAST: Meatloaf was made in mom's kitchen, but it sure does clean up nice.

a screwdriver and plumber's helper to get some down him.

About 10 years ago, cookbook author David Rosengarten started seeing meatloaf tarted up with wine sauces in New American Cuisine restaurants, but now finds it in neighborhood bistros, where it is treated with respect in the classic style, with ketchup.

**“It has graduated from diner food into restaurant food.”**

ANDREW SMITH  
OXFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF  
AMERICAN FOOD AND DRINK

Competing with New York steak and seared scallops, meatloaf is one of the top entrees at the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, on Oregon's coast, where golfers fly in from around the world to walk as many as 36 holes in a day. All that walking makes people hungry, and if they are staying over a few days, they also want something familiar, said executive chef Don McCradie.

At the Blacksmith restaurant, McMichael mixes ground beef and pork with eggs, cream, roasted tomato puree, poblano chilies, shallots, garlic, onion and Japanese breadcrumbs.

Smith said he expects meatloaf to keep going strong.

"It's very good, wholesome, nutritious food, depending what you put into it," he said. "And I like my way better than in the restaurant. Because it's my way and reminds me of what my mother made." JEFF BARNARD (AP)

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# LOOK out

## Voices

### Movies

### Playing Pocahontas

**Q'ORIANKA KILCHER** was online Dec. 22 and discussed her role as Pocahontas in the Terrence Malick film "The New World" | [washingtonpost.com/liveonline](http://washingtonpost.com/liveonline)

**Terrence Malick has a really good reputation for making fine films.**

**What kind of a director is he?**

He's a very spur-of-the-moment kind of director. And he likes to act on his impulses, which is great for me because I love acting on my impulses at the risk of being wrong or looking silly. So it really worked out between us. There was never a dull moment on the set. You never knew what to expect. He allowed his actors to fully immerse themselves in their characters and let us bring to life our characters in our own way.

**Were you intimidated by the role of Pocahontas because the legend is so well known?**

I didn't watch any previous movies about the story and I just knew the cartoon like everyone else, but once I got to Virginia they had a great research team and they gave me tons and tons of books to do research in. That was my biggest challenge throughout the entire filming, to do Pocahontas justice and show her story as best as I could to the world. And the more I read about the Algonquin Indians of Virginia and Pocahontas, I fell more in love with it and wanted to do the Native American story even more justice.

**For you, what became your most**

**important actor's frame of reference in portraying someone dragged between two extremely different cultures?**

Doing lots of research, setting my mind in the 1600s and wearing the different clothes from Pocahontas' traditional tribal clothes vs. her English wardrobe really helped me in portraying Pocahontas as a free spirit, in a sense running through the woods more so than her becoming a confined English woman. Just the clothing itself affected me so much in portraying Pocahontas that the first time I wore my corset and my English shoes I went home and I cried because I felt like such a caged bird. And to think what Pocahontas went through, in a sense, changing everything she was, was amazing and sad for me.

**What was it like to kiss Colin Farrell?**

Kissing Colin Farrell ... yeah, what 14-year-old wouldn't want to have him as their first kiss? He was like my older brother and really took me under his wing and he taught me so much in acting as well as in life and he was really wonderful.

**→ Today on Live Online**

LiveOnline discussions are not being held this week due to the holidays. Discussions will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3.

### Letters

#### Giving Dads Their Due

**I WANTED TO EXPRESS** my disappointment at a Dec. 29 article regarding a baby hippo and his "foster mother," a giant male tortoise. As a single father raising my daughter I often confront gender bias. It's sad that our society still fails to acknowledge the significance of a dad in a child's life, and when you ran a story about a mother and follow it with

a description of a male it just adds to the improper perception. With respect to the dads who take their role seriously, please be careful in the future or we may never come out of our shell! By the way, why don't you ever speak about Tai Shan's dad?

—PERRY BERKLEY  
Olney, Md.

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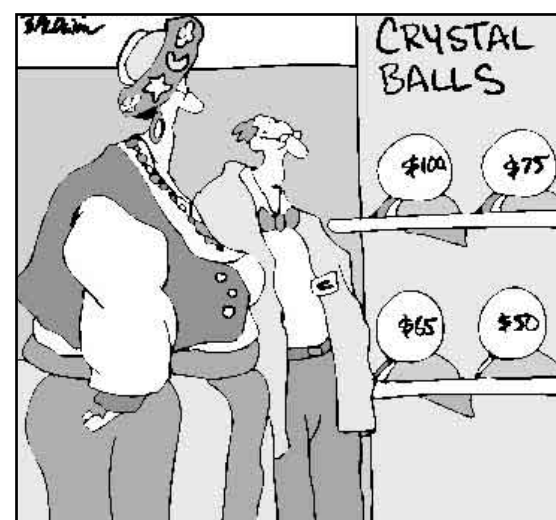
Yesterday we erroneously reported that the Smithsonian museums will be closed on New Year's Day, Sunday, Jan. 1. They will be open.

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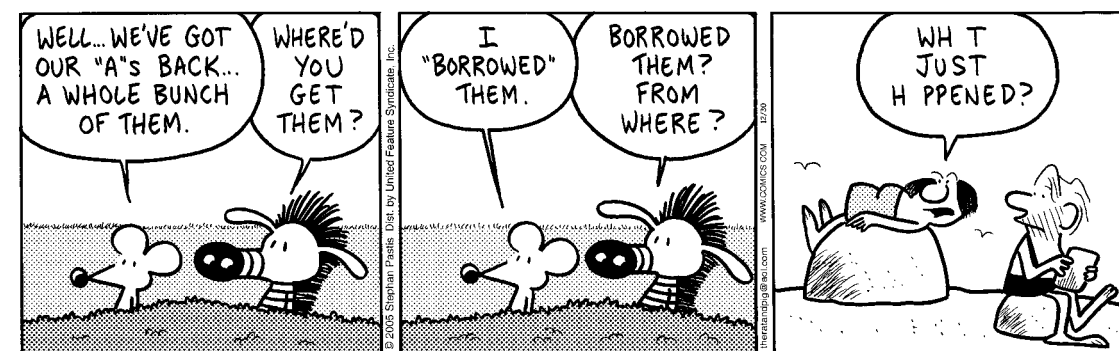


"It's a bit of a scam. They sell the crystal ball at cost, then nail you on the price of replacement psych-ink cartridges."

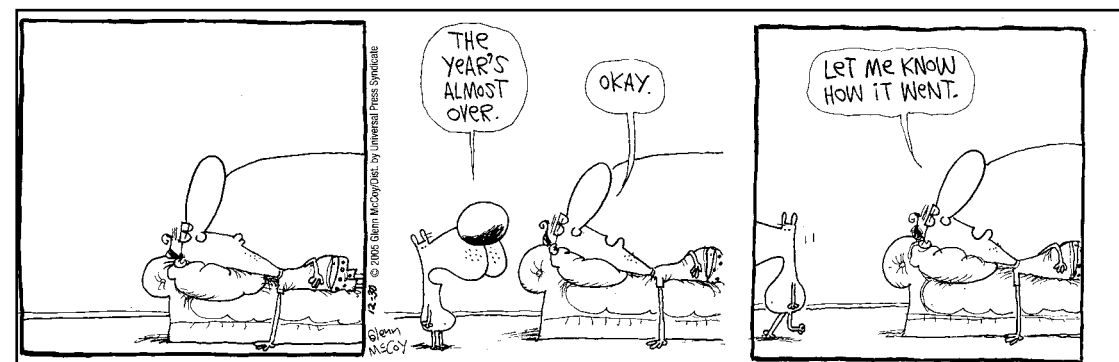
#### Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



#### Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



#### The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



**UNHEARD OF**

I wish these so-called hearing specialists would invent a ... wafer-like headphone that one can stick behind the ear and which can then beam music ... into my temporal lobe."

CONSUMERIST.COM'S IDEA FOR AN ALTERNATIVE NOW THAT EAR-BUD HEADPHONES ARE KNOWN TO CAUSE PREMATURE HEARING LOSS

## THE Blog LOG

### K STREET'S SHAME

"This guy is the most unethical person in ... D.C., and has harmed the GOP cause all in the name of success."

REPUBLICANMINNESOTA.BLOGSPOT.COM SAYS THAT SCANDALOUS ÜBERLOBBYIST JACK ABRAMOFF, SET TO GO ON TRIAL IN JANUARY, IS A THREAT TO REPUBLICANS.

### ALMOST DEAD EVEN

"'Twas a few days before New Year's and the [District's] murder rate is flat compared to last year."

DCBUBBLE.BLOGSPOT.COM NOTES THAT A METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT TALLY REVEALS THAT D.C.'S MURDER RATE CURRENTLY STANDS AT 193 — ONE LESS THAN THE TOTAL OF 194 IN 2004.



### PROFESSIONAL AMATEUR

"How does she do it? I can't wait to see if this girl can act."

POPSUGAR.COM WONDERS WHETHER PSEUDO-REALITY TELEVISION STAR KRISTIN CAVALLARI OF MTV'S "LAGUNA BEACH" MIGHT EMBARRASS HERSELF ACTING ON AN UPCOMING EPISODE OF UPN'S "VERONICA MARS."

### PUTTING THE STORY TO BED



"Anyone have guesses on who the cable news anchor was? The real-life version of the story involves a single man, so that rules out Wolf Blitzer and Chris Matthews."

FISHBOWLDC.COM WONDERS WHICH TELEVISION NEWSMAN, APPARENTLY IN SEARCH OF AN INTERVIEW, SLEPT WITH FORMER CAPITOL HILL SEX BLOGGER JESSICA CUTLER, WHO WRITES ABOUT THE TRYST IN A RECENT CAPITOL FILE MAGAZINE COLUMN.

## Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** It may take you some time to figure out logistics and other practicalities. Concentrate on the details and don't overlook finances.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** It's time to work on your romantic strategy. Even if you're in a permanent relationship, you best turn on more than the charm.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** Try not to expect too much from yourself; you have your limitations, and you must be willing to accept them and live with them.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You're likely to receive an enthusiastic yes to that important question. You should be able to multiply your rewards considerably.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Your interest in matters historical will serve you well, as you study your own heritage for signs and omens. A clue is discovered later on.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** A domestic situation is likely to be blown out of proportion unless you are willing to take charge and keep things under control.

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**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Look toward the future and think about devising new ways to accomplish what is most necessary on a day-by-day basis.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Someone you know well may be unusually combative, and it will be important for you to stay out of the line of fire, no matter what.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Though you may be feeling proud and confident, someone younger and less experienced may actually overshadow you at some point.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** A close friend may have let you down recently, but that is no reason to take any kind of revenge. Make forgiving overtures.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** Don't be premature in thought or action, or you will be the one to suffer the consequences. Others are looking to involve you in some way.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Give someone else the credit he or she deserves. Don't underestimate your own staying power. Do what you can to help a friend.

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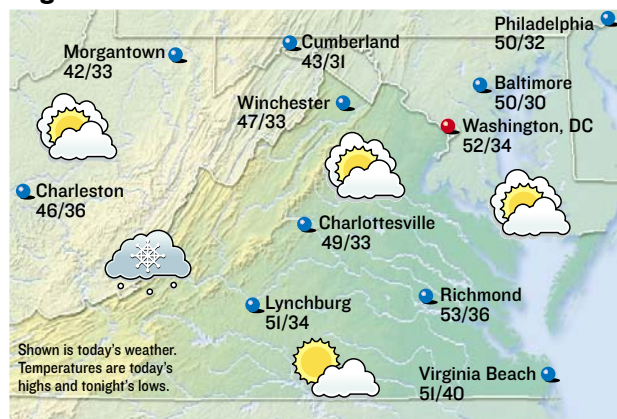


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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Blustery, sunny intervals <b>52°</b>	Turning cloudy <b>34°</b>	Breezy, periods of rain <b>48° / 36°</b>	Partly sunny <b>50° / 34°</b>	Mostly cloudy, p.m. rain possible <b>54° / 42°</b>	Cloudy, a chance of rain <b>56° / 40°</b>

## Regional Weather



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## Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

### Temperature

High	50°
Low	44°
Normal high	44°
Normal low	29°
Average humidity	88%

### Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.34"
Month to date	3.33"
Normal month to date	2.85"
Year to date	44.37"
Last year to date	42.49"
Normal year to date	39.15"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: [washingtonpost.com/weather](http://washingtonpost.com/weather)

## Regional Forecast

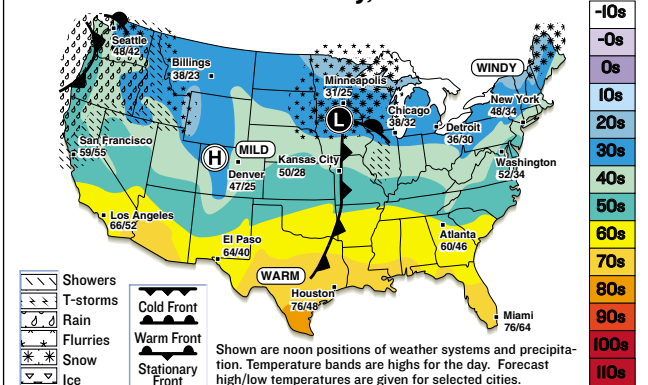
**D.C. Metro:** Today, partly sunny, blustery. High 52. Wind northwest 12-22 mph. Tonight, becoming cloudy. Low 34. Wind becoming variable 6-12 mph.

## Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	7:26 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:55 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:18 a.m.
Moonsset today	4:13 p.m.



## National Weather for Friday, December 30



## National Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	60/46/s	60/42/w
Boston	46/28/r	38/30/sn
Chicago	38/32/r	38/28/sf
Dallas	68/40/pc	73/55/s
Denver	47/25/pc	60/30/pc
Honolulu	82/68/s	82/70/pc
Los Angeles	66/52/c	64/52/r
Miami	76/64/s	80/67/s
New York City	48/34/pc	42/36/r
Orlando	72/50/s	78/60/s
Seattle	48/42/r	49/40/sh

## World Cities

City	Today	Sat.
Amsterdam	37/30/sn	40/35/sh
Athens	59/50/r	57/44/pc
Berlin	26/23/pc	33/30/sf
Buenos Aires	93/72/s	88/70/s
Calgary	31/20/pc	39/17/pc
Dublin	50/38/r	46/35/sh
Geneva	29/25/sf	41/37/sh
Moscow	33/24/i	30/21/c
Rome	46/34/pc	47/46/sh
Sydney	84/66/s	84/75/s
Tokyo	48/39/s	46/37/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



THREESOME!

## Brangelina and Jen

The world mourned when **BRAD PITT** and **JENNIFER ANISTON** announced their separation on Jan. 7. "This decision is the result of much thoughtful consideration," they wrote in a statement. "We happily remain committed and caring friends." Their divorce kicked in Oct. 2, well after Brad began jetsetting around the globe with new pal **ANGELINA JOLIE**. Two months later, Brad petitioned to adopt Angelina's children, Maddox and the newly acquired Zahara. But wait! Officially, they're just close friends. Jen, meanwhile, is half-heartedly dating Vince Vaughn.



REUTERS



Katie signals her handler: "Tom is IN. Scientology infiltration underway."

ICK

### Katie and Tom: Careful — You'll Cringe Your Face Off

The defiling of America's B-List sweetheart began in April, where the world got wind of the **KATIE HOLMES-TOM CRUISE** union when they smothered Rome in amore. On May 23, Tom Cruise performed his now-infamous "Oprah" couch-jumping dance to celebrate his miraculous love for Holmes. On June 17, he proposed to his child bride atop of the Eiffel Tower ... and by October, the public knew that he'd impregnated her. All this played out against the compelling soundtrack of Tom's crusade against psychiatry, including his now-legendary Matt Lauer-smackdown on "Today" in June: "You see, here's the problem. You don't know the history of psychiatry. I do."

Waifs are pretty and break-able.

MODELING

### Kate Moss and Cocaine: The Snowy White Downfall

On Sept. 15, the Daily Mirror tabloid printed photos of superwaif **KATE MOSS** abusing cocaine, causing everyone to pretend they were shocked, SHOCKED, that models use coke. She came clean about her drug problem, but got dropped by H&M and Burberry anyway. It was off to rehab in the United States, then into a Roberto Cavalli ad campaign and onto the cover of French Vogue with the headline "Scandalous Beauty." You can't keep a good waif down.

SNUBBERY

### Oprah and Hermes: Do Not Stand Between Her and Fine Leather Goods

June 14 was a day that will live in infamy. **OPRAH WINFREY** was turned away from a Paris Hermes store just 15 minutes after closing — *even though there were people shopping inside!* Some people were horrified by the store's racist behavior.



More naive people were horrified that celebrities got to shop in stores that had closed. Oprah addressed the issue on her talk show's September season premiere. "I just want to say shame on anybody for thinking that I was upset for not being able to get into a clothes store and buy a purse," said Winfrey. Then she made Hermes basely grovel.

SPAWNING

### Brit and K-Fed: We Give Them Five More Months

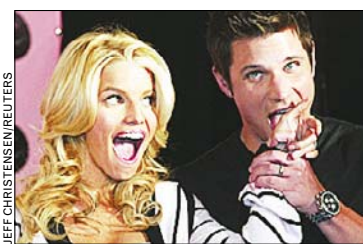
Early reports had the little munchkin's name as "Preston Michael Spears Federline," causing much rejoicing that the spawn of Britney Spears and Kevin Federline would sport the initials P.M.S. Sadly, the baby born Sept. 14 — just four days before the young couple's first anniversary — was ultimately dubbed Sean Preston. The little cutie was officially outed in People magazine, but not before the photos leaked onto the Internet, unlike the rumored Brit-Kev sex tape, which is still thankfully under wraps. Britney is suing Us Weekly \$20 million because the mag alleged the tape existed.



Britney never takes Lil' Bit or K-Fed anywhere now that she has a baby.

### FIGHT! FIGHT! Russell and the Phone And the Law and His Temper

Angry because he couldn't get through to his wife in Australia, **RUSSELL CROWE** threw a telephone at an employee of the Mercer Hotel in Manhattan on June 6. He was arrested, of course. On Nov. 18, he pleaded guilty, got hit with a \$160 court fee and was sentenced to a conditional discharge. That seems fair. Think of all the people he inspired with "Cinderella Man." What is one hotel clerk's right to a violence-free work experience next to that?



Nick's hand-licking got on her nerves.

THE END

### Jessica and Nick: They Just Didn't Stick

**JESSICA SIMPSON** and **NICK LACHEY** announced their separation on Nov. 23, ruining Thanksgiving for millions. "This is the mutual decision of two people with an enormous amount of respect and admiration for each other," they said in a statement. The end.



# LOOKout

## Love Is in the Air | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

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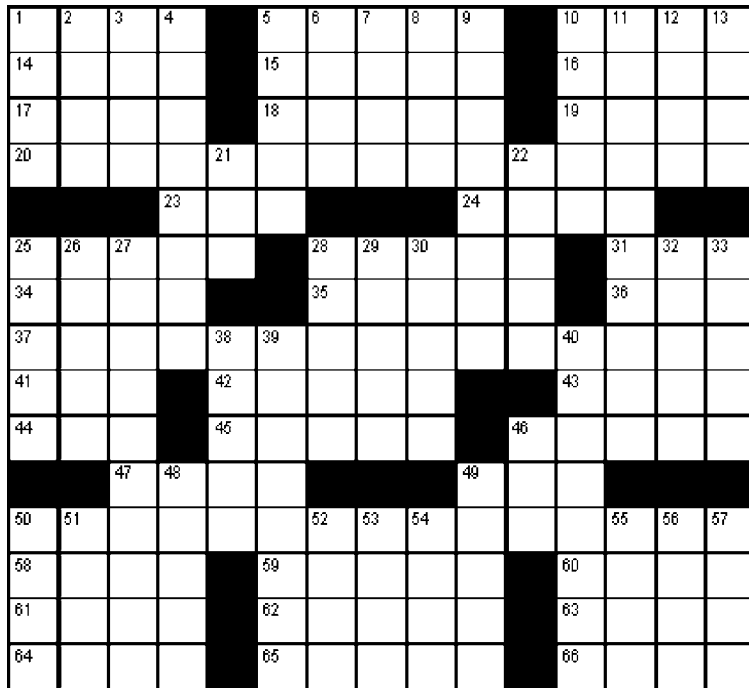
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32 Throat-clearing sounds

33 Some museum sculptures

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39 Washes, as clothes

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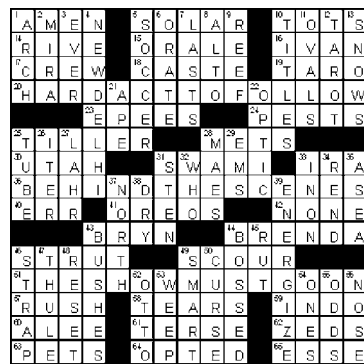
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### Yesterday's Solution



## Sunday in The Washington Post



**Winter Blahs:** The herald angels sang, then left us to fend for ourselves for three dreary months. Darragh Johnson feels your pain. | *Style*

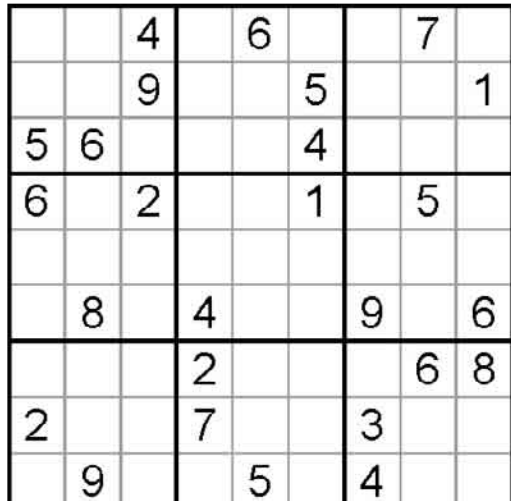
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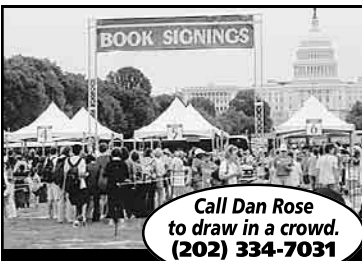
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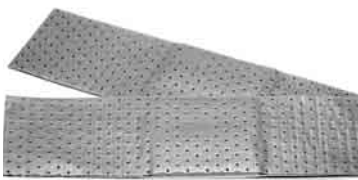
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# Queen of the Hill

## Wonkette unleashes her bloggy humor on the novel 'Dog Days'

**Q&A** | No one has done a finer job of milking this whole blogging thing than Ana Marie Cox, better known as Wonkette, the foul-mouthed instapundit. Folks who have missed her snide comments in recent months can blame her novel "Dog Days," which tells the story of Melanie, a low-level campaign staffer who's having an affair with a married newsman. To deflect attention from the gossip, she invents Capitolette, a slutty gal who likes spilling the beans about her conquests. Cox talked it out with Express' Vicky Hallett.



SARAH L. VOISIN/TWP

### You thank your agent for discouraging you from your bad book ideas. What was the worst?

A guide to movies with talking animals. No, that's a joke. I would buy that book. The one I really should write is the "Unauthorized Biography of Butterstick."

### Why was this the right book?

In 2004, it was the first time I'd had a front row seat for the presidential campaign. And there were certain things about 2004 that made it a good target for satire. I was fascinated by the people I observed, the kinds of people who



**“The people in the book are supposed to be types rather than specific people. There's no way I can stop people from trying to guess.”**

make up Washington. These are people who in high school were too busy running Model U.N. and the chess club to have any sway in social circles, but in D.C. these

people's professional and social status are intertwined.

**I'm worried that there's a mistake on page 45. Melanie picks up a cof-**

### fee at Java Hut. You meant Java House, right?

You're right. That will be corrected in the paperback. I guess I never paid attention after the H.

### The book plays off Washingtonienne. Why was she such a big deal?

Washington loves sex scandals and blogs. It was the perfect storm of salaciousness. She was an entry level staffer for a low-level congressman and the men she was sleeping with were low-grade federal employees not far above the people in the Post Office. And we were being told that

blogs are the most important medium of the century.

### What's the weirdest thing about being a blogging celebrity?

Being called a blogging celebrity. I was in a parking lot in Arlington and this guy was pulling out, so I was gesturing, "Are you leaving?" He pulled out of the space and then got out of his car, and I thought, "Does he want his space back?" But he said, "Are you Ana Marie Cox? I like your blog." I said, "I like your parking space."

### What did you do for inspiration while you were writing?

The great thing about setting the book in a city I knew so well was that I had the set available to move characters around. Melanie's apartment is one I looked at a few years ago. It was the weird triangle shape with a diagonal wall of windows. I remember thinking how awkward that was, but if you didn't know what else was out there and had to move to D.C. quickly, you'd take it.

### I hear you like Stetson's on U Street. What's the new Stetson's?

Everyone seems to be going to Busboys and Poets. It's perfectly nice, but it doesn't have the history or legend of Stetson's.

### Melanie takes cabs everywhere. Is that you?

One of the nicest things about a book advance is you can take taxis without guilt. The other day I was at the Dupont Metro and the down escalator was broken. I was wearing four-inch heels and I thought, there's no way I'm going to walk a mile downhill. And I took a cab.

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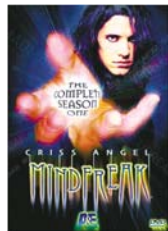


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## DVDS

### CRISS ANGEL: MINDFREAK, SEASON I (\$35)



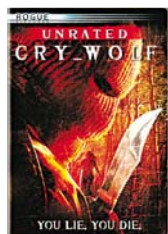
Criss Angel is a three-time Magician of the Year who is regularly compared to both Houdini and Marilyn Manson, the latter, it seems, solely because he wears a little eyeliner. The A&E series trails Angel as he wows Vegas tourists with stunts in the streets; there's some behind-the-scenes action, but no how-tos. We preferred his smooth illusions — levitation, disappearances, mindreading — to the physical stunts, such as dangling from a helicopter by four fleshhooks. The half-hour episodes are padded with pals spouting variants on "This time, Criss has gone too far!" and enjoyable dream-sequence hokum — why is a leather-clad mime crawling out of Angel's abdomen?

→ **NOTABLE EXTRA:** A PDF explaining three easy magic tricks.

→ **IF YOU LIKE:** Korn, "holy crap" audience reaction shots, masochism.

HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

### CRY WOLF (\$20)



A group of bored students at an elite boarding school decide to convince their classmates that a serial killer is stalking their campus. Soon enough — of course — real preppies start dropping dead. Though it's certainly no heavyweight in the teen-slasher arena, "Cry Wolf" is an entertaining bout that proves its filmmakers, Jeff Wadlow and Beau Bauman, might be contenders.

→ **NOTABLE EXTRA:** Two short films, "Tower of Babbie" and "Manual Labor," affirm the filmmakers' knack for both canny wordplay

and tying up plot strings.

→ **IF YOU LIKE:** "Cruel Intentions," English schoolboys, Jon Bon Jovi. KENNETH TERRELL



It's cute, but it'll eat you if you're dead.

### GRIZZLY MAN (\$28)

For 13 summers, Timothy Treadwell camped dangerously close to Alaska's grizzly bears, to whom he gave cutesy-wutesy names like "Mr. Choco-late." At the end of his 13th summer, a bear attacked and ate him. But Treadwell was more than a semi-deranged nature boy. Inspired by the bears, he gave up booze and drugs, founded the preservationist group, Grizzly People, and shot 100 hours of intimate and exuberant wildlife scenes. Noted director Werner Herzog has drawn from that footage, added interviews with friends and detractors, and created a masterful portrait of the mission and the madness of Timothy Treadwell.

→ **NOTABLE EXTRA:** A 50-minute documentary on the film's music. Non-musician Herzog critiques and cajoles his musicians, and confesses he'd give up 10 years of his life if he could play an instrument.

→ **IF YOU LIKE:** Bears, foxes, the crazy human condition. MARC SILVER

## BOOKS

### SPARKS IN THE KITCHEN

by Katy Sparks with Andrea Strong (Knopf, \$30)

Sparks, the culinary director of Balducci's, grew up in Vermont, so her cookbook is full of country-cooking touches — lots of fresh



## The Horror, the Horror

Just when you think every joke possible has been made about bridesmaids' garb, along comes "You Can Wear It Again: A Celebration of Bridesmaids' Dresses" by Meg Mateo Iasco (Chronicle, \$15). Some are actually elegant, some are victims of their era, some are hilariously awful. Poofy sleeves and floppy hats abound, as does the oddly recurring theme of the bride and her girls hitching up their hems to show their legs. You'll thank the deity of your choice that no friend ever made you wear butterfly wings or Renaissance gear. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)



ingredients and even a venison recipe for hunting enthusiasts. She also grew up in a house with a martini cocktail hour, so the dishes are pretty urbane, too. Kabocha squash soup with lemongrass and ginger was a flavorful winter meal, despite fussing with a spice sachet and a lengthy shopping list; the goat cheese quesadillas are simple and delicious. Sparks said she wrote the book for her parents, which makes sense. It's full of excellent recipes for adult entertaining that are simple enough for novices perhaps cooking for Mom and Dad for the first time.

→ **IF YOU LIKE:** Countrified Asian-fusion.

→ **IF YOU DON'T LIKE:** Multi-hyphenated dishes (e.g. oven-roasted grouper with cabbage, apples and warm carrot-caraway dressing). RACHEL DRY

### PRODIGY

by Dave Kalstein (St. Martins, \$24)  
It's 2036 and the machines haven't taken over yet, but the graduates of Stansbury School, an elite academy

that drugs its students into physically supreme super-geniuses, are well on their way to world domination. Then underachieving alums start dying, and its up to the valedictorian to clear the name of the school's sexy bad boy. The details of Kalstein's future are mildly interesting — a population boom caused by foolproof cars leads to San Angeles, a mega-city covering most of California, for example — but flat characters and a heavily sedated plot are tedious in any era.

→ **IF YOU LIKE:** The recent novels "Prep" and "Never Let Me Go," but only because they were about weird boarding schools.

→ **IF YOU DON'T LIKE:** Ivy Leaguers, science fiction marketed as mainstream lit. H.J.M.

The Strokes' Julian Casablancas is a very thin man.

## CDS

### UNPREDICTABLE by Jamie Foxx



(J Records, \$14)  
Oscar-winning fame can afford a man a lot of things, but none of them is a dose

of originality. From the cover to the title track, on which Foxx croons "Yeah Ladies, I know you tired of the same old things," we're promised more than the usual R&B fare. By the time you reach the third track — the very R. Kelly-esque "DJ Play a Love Song" — it becomes painfully clear that the same ol', same ol' is all "Unpredictable" has to serve. Sprinkled with appearances from some of the hottest names in hip-hop — Twista, Game, Snoop, Ludacris, Common, Mary J. Blige — "Unpredictable" is certain to spur a couple heavily-rotated singles like the Ray Charles-inspired "Do What It Do," but not much more.

→ **IF YOU LIKE:** Love songs for the horny and/or sappy lover in you.

DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

### FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF EARTH by the Strokes (RCA, \$19)

New year, new Strokes, as New York's rock revivalists bust out a third album that tries to meet the promise of their hyped 2001 debut. They transcend with "Juicebox," the most perfect rock single since U2's "Vertigo," with Julian Casablancas

braying "Why won't you come over here?!" in a surprise echo of Jim Morrison over edgy bass and hairpin melodic turns. But while the Strokes open new doors with producer David Kahne, who cleaned up their garage-

fuzz signature for a bolder sound, the songs prove erratic. As lyric and music writer, Casablancas gets both credit and blame, and his world-weary view of love and hate gets old.

→ **IF YOU LIKE:** Emotional confusion, New York new wave.

→ **IF YOU DON'T LIKE:** Bright tunes with tidy lyrics. PAUL ROBICHEAU



# Styles



MICHELLE REPISO

## F•Frugal FIZZ

### Cheap champagnes to lift spirits and bank accounts through the new year

The only people in D.C. who can afford to have Dom Perignon flowing at their New Year's soirees are probably involved in something illegal. But bubbly on a budget is doable, even for folks who work at NGOs. Here are five bottles that may not be as tasty as the pricey stuff, but are sure to get guests sloshed all the way into 2006.

VICKY HALLET (EXPRESS)

#### 1. Cristalino Cava Brut

People seek it out all over the area like it's nectar from the gods, according to folks at World Market and Whole Foods. "I would not be embarrassed to serve this," said one of our testers as the others nodded their heads. "It's very simple and straightforward." And it was the uncontested winner of our test.

(\$6, World Market, 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-244-8720)

#### 2. Don Conde Cava Brut

"It has very aggressive bubbles and a nice crisp, dry taste," noted Andrea Closkey, the Clarendon Best Cellar's guru for wine events and education. Testers declared this to be the bubbliest of the bunch, making it great fun on the tongue. But the smell and taste weren't very powerful, leaving the crowd craving a bit more presence. With orange juice though, it makes for one heck of a mimosa. (\$10, 2855 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-741-0404)

#### 3. Romanian Legacy Grand Premier Brut Rose

Wine consultant Anthony Quinn of Cleveland Park Liquor and Wines

said this is representative of the store's "discovery stuff": "No one wants to think it's good because it's from a place they've never heard of." It was pretty in pink, but it wasn't a favorite of our testers, who thought the flavor was too fruity and wine-like. Even though it was a blind test, one weirdly said, "This tastes like what Eastern Europeans would like." (\$10, 3423 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202-363-4265)

#### 4. Le Berceau Blanquette de Limoux Brut

This one reputedly packs real champagne flavor, unlike other lower-priced bottles, which can be tamer. After popping the cork, however, the testers disagreed. It was so appley, testers weren't sure whether it was champagne or sparkling cider. But it was yummy. (\$11, Whole Foods, 2700 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-527-6596)

#### 5. Andre Brut

It's the cheapest champagne we've ever seen. If you're lucky enough to have a military ID and can shop at the Naval Exchange in Bethesda, a bottle is \$3. Andre divided our testers into boosters ("This is my kind of taste!") and detractors (who complained it was way too sweet). Maybe serve it late into the night when your guests are feeling less picky. (\$4, Barrel House Liquors, 1341 14th St. NW; 202-332-5999)

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# THE SHOUL

## New Year's resolutions are made

**New Year's resolutions** are all about "will." As in, "I *will* stop eating Fritos as breakfast." But "will" is so unbending it often melts into "won't" before the spring thaw. It's time to reframe resolutions with "should" — a kinder, gentler, even slightly passive-aggressive word. Try it: You *should* stop eating Fritos for breakfast ... but if you don't, who the hell cares?

We're kicking off Express' inaugural Should List with a handful of neighborhoods you should visit if you haven't been in a while, starting with U Street, which rung in a lot of the new in 2005. Two familiar faces (to U, anyway) — Kellie Crawford and Kevin Powers — model clothing from D.C.'s best-dressed 'hood.

LOOKOUT WEEKEND STAFF

### NEW U STREET EATS

**TABAQ BISTRO:** The owners of Mezze bring Med flair and a spectacular view to U. Order from a list of 40 small plates, and go in the summer, when the greenhouse-like top floor can be opened up. Be sure to dress in "proper attire." (1336 U St. NW; 202-265-0965)

**CREME:** The sliver of a space serves

### KELLIE CRAWFORD, MANAGER

**OF DESTINATION U,** is wearing a Philip Lim jacket from Muleh (\$425, 1831 14th St. NW; 202-667-3440), Flair scarves from Trade Secrets (purple, \$42; green, \$44, 1515 U St. NW; 202-667-0634), Alexander Meza earrings from Habitat (\$100, 1510 U St. NW; 202-518-7222), Rakiyt Zakari skirt (\$148, Destination U, 1301 U St. NW; 202-328-2101), Sam Edelman boots (\$275, Wild Women Wear Red, 1512 U St. NW; 202-387-5700). Chain, Kellie's own. Styling by Laurretta McCoy (beautychan nel@hotmail.com). Photos by Michelle Repiso.

up big soul food flavors. (1322 U St. NW; 202-234-1884)

**AL CROSTINO:** The little plates trend Italian style, courtesy of the owner of Dupont's Al Tiramisu. (1324 U St. NW; 202-767-0523)

**BUSBOYS AND POETS:** Split personalities don't usually work so well, but somehow this venue has pulled off being a leftist bookstore, a cafe, a restaurant, a screening room and an event venue. (2021 14th St. NW; 202-387-7638)

### UP-AND-COMING NEIGHBORHOODS

Other up-and-comers include:

**H STREET NE:** The Argonaut (1433 H St. NE; 202-397-1416), a nautical-themed bar, opened in August, the first of a planned seven from bar impresario Joe Englert. The H Street Martini Lounge (1236 H St. NE; 202-397-3333) debuted in October. Take a class at the new Joy of Motion (joyofmotion.org); see a show at the Atlas Performing Arts Center (1333 H St. NE; 202-399-7993; atlasarts.org)

**WOODLEY PARK:** The boring corner of the Adams Morgan-Dupont-Woodley triangle finally scored the long-promised Open City (2331 Calvert St. NW; 202-332-2331), cousin to Tryst and The Diner. And, into the small sea of antique shops comes Sosan (2311 Calvert St. NW), an

honest-to-gosh trendy boutique.

**SILVER SPRING:** OK, so the carefully planned new downtown looks like EPCOT. The first quarter of 2006 promises a Cakelove bakery and Ray's Classic, a spinoff of Arlington's Ray's the Steaks. (downtown silverspring.com)

### SEE BEFORE THEY'RE GONE

**ANNA NICOLE SMITH:** On Feb. 28, our favorite floozy's case will be heard by the Supreme Court — and she's planning to attend. Smith wants millions from the estate of her dead oil-tycoon hubbie.

**DR. DREMO'S TAPHOUSE:** Rumors of the bar's demise have been swirling because a developer wants to turn the spot into high-rise condos. But it's safe until at least March, so bring on the campy films, free pool and Elvis impersonators (Jan. 7). (2001 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-528-4660; drdremo.com)

**FREDDY ADU:** Our little soccer phenom is only 16 years old, but it may be time to let him go.

Folks think this may be his last season on the field for D.C. United. (mlsnet.com/MLS/dcu)

**STONEYS:** The chili won raves from area foodies, and the visits by ladies of the evening never raised eyebrows. Downtown's most unique dive shuts its doors Jan. 14 after 37 years with a vow to return. The all-day, all-night bash Jan. 13 should be memorable. (1307 L St. NW; 202-347-9163)

### BEAUTY

**AIR-BRUSHED MAKEUP:** Once limited to cars and cheesy boardwalk T-shirts, the airbrush can apply makeup, too. It adheres so strongly that it can last 10-12 hours. Moreover, it coats the entire face more evenly than any hand application could,





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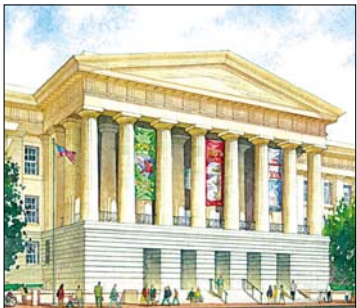
to be broken ... so make some that are easy to keep



The new Signature space will make downtown Shirlington a Sondheim mecca.

meaning you get freakishly perfect skin. (Elizabeth Arden, 5225 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-362-9890; reddoorspas.com)

**HAIR EXTENSIONS AT SUGAR HOUSE.** A new technique avoids the silicone coating that comes with most extensions and the hair damage that comes with it. The locks last from three to eight months and cost \$500-\$3,000. (111 N. Alfred St., Alexandria; 703-549-9940; sugarhousedayspa.com)



The two renovated, reopened museums will share this stately entrance.

**TASTE OF TRADITIONS:** On Feb. 1 (subject to change), the Spa at the Mandarin Oriental will launch this massage sampler, which uses techniques from China, the Mediterranean, India and Arabia. (1 hour, 50 minutes, \$300; 1330 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-787-6100;

mandarinoriental.com)

## CULTURE

**CAPITAL FRINGE FESTIVAL:** From July 20 to 30, D.C. will finally get what every real city already has: an annual infusion of the avant garde. Fringe fests are known for birthing new hits — will D.C. host the next “Urinetown?” (capfringe.org)

**REOPENED MUSEUMS:** The National Portrait Gallery and the Smithsonian American Art Museum have been closed for renovations since 2000. They’re scheduled to reopen in July with an exhibit on Walt Whitman, a William Wegman retrospective and a lot more. (www.npg.si.edu and americanart.si.edu)

**SIGNATURE THEATRE:** In September, the Signature will open posh new doors in downtown Shirlington. The inaugural show is “Into the Woods” by Stephen Sondheim, to be directed by Sondheim whiz Eric Schaeffer. But first, check out the chronically underrated “Assassins” (also Sondheim) in the old space. (sig-online.org)

## FITNESS

**ARLINGTON SKATING CENTER:** Ballston Common Mall is taking hockey to new heights

with a huge skating complex on top of the parking lot. When it debuts in May, it’ll be the new home of the Caps, but it’ll also be open for community use year-round.

**CUTS:** Ladies who like to sweat have Curves. Guys near Baltimore this year got five outposts of the all-dude Cuts, which relies on circuit training on hydraulic resistance machines. (cutsfitness.com)

**ROCK CREEK:** No entree packs more than 500 calories at this body-conscious bistro. The nutritional info is printed on the menu so you know just how healthy you’re being. (4917 Elm St., Bethesda; 301-907-7625; rockcreekrestaurant.com)

## FOOD

A sampling of 2005’s new tastes:

**ACADIANA:** Cajun, 901 New York Ave. NW; 202-408-8848.

**DAHLIA:** American fusion, 4849 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-364-1004.

**HANK’S OYSTER BAR.:** Seafood, 1624 Q St. NW; 202-462-4265.

**LEOPOLD’S KAFE + KONдитOREI:** Viennese cafe, 3315 Cady’s Alley NW; 202-965-6005.

**RASIKA:** Indian, 633 D

St. NW; 202-637-1222.

**SONOMA:** Winebar, 233 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-544-8088.

**OPENING IN 2006:** Ris Lacoste of 1789, will have a place of her own.

And the Park Hyatt will debut a fancy place in the old Melrose spot.

## PUBLIC TRANSIT

**THE CIRCULATOR:** It goes north and south! It goes east and west! It has huge windows! It costs a

\$1! D.C.’s new bus makes the former transit flavor of the month — Georgetown’s little blue buses — green with jealousy. (dccirculator.com)

**METRO:** WMATA doesn’t have any new stations in store for 2006, but it does promise 110 new rail cars and site-specific bus maps in on-street bus shelters. Sexy!



**KEVIN POWERS, OWNER OF CARBON,** is wearing a Lenny Turk jacket (\$348, Muleh), a Ben Sherman shirt (\$79, Pop, 1803 14th St. NW; 202-332-3312), J & Co. jeans (\$148, Destination U) and Blackstone boots (\$259, Carbon, 1203 U St. NW; 202-986-2679). Photo by Michelle Repiso.



# WhereTo...

IN SEARCH OF WHAT YOU WANT TO DO, BUT DON'T KNOW ABOUT YET

## ... Take Kids

→ **First Night Alexandria.** It's a family-oriented, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration with entertainment at sites throughout Old Town, concluding with fireworks at midnight at the George Washington National Masonic Temple. *Sat., 7 p.m.-12 a.m.; \$15, free for ages 12 and younger accompanied by an adult; 703-838-4200, ext. 210 or 703-838-5005, firstnightalexandria.org. (King Street)*

→ **First Fairfax — A Night to Remember!** Horse and carriage rides, musical acts, storytelling, puppet shows, ice skating, circus performers and, of course, no alcohol. *Old Town Hall, 3999 University Dr., and nearby sites; Sat., 6 p.m.-12 a.m., free; 703-385-7850 or 703-352-2787; fairfaxva.gov.*



Peaches O'Dell brings her class act to the Black Cat. And hopefully a fan, too.

→ **First Night Annapolis.** So much to see! New this year are psychic mediums, roller skaters (due to the renewed interest created by "Roll Bounce") and a community processional. And there will be fireworks at midnight. The processional leaves from the Maryland Hall for Creative Arts, where there will be special kiddie activities between 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. *801 Chase St., Sat., 6 p.m.-12 a.m., adults \$20, ages 6-12 \$10, 5 and under are free; 410-268-8553; firstnightannapolis.org.*

→ **New Year's in Baltimore.** Listen to the original music and cover tunes of band Gary and The Groove at the Inner Harbor Amphitheater, then take in the fireworks over the water.



DON'T GET TOO DIZZY at First Night Alexandria or you won't enjoy the fireworks.

*Inner Harbor, Sat., 9 p.m.-12 a.m., free; 877-225-8466; bop.org.*

## ... Hear Tunes

→ **Nanny O'Brien's Irish Pub.** Trade your champagne for Guinness and Dick Clark for Celtic music. Pub owner Brian Gaffney's band, Brendan's Voyage, keeps things lively through 2006. *3319 Connecticut Ave. NW; Sat., 9 a.m., \$10; 202-686-9189. (Cleveland Park)*

→ **IOTA.** If the formerly local band Last Train Home was good enough to open for Dolly Parton, they're good enough for your New Year's Eve. They're rocking along with Timothy Bracken Complex.

*2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sat., 9 p.m., \$30; 703-522-8340; iotacubandcafe.com. (Clarendon)*

→ **Black Cat.** The truly fab Peaches O'Dell will lead her big band on the mainstage, Tony and the Malvivants will be cutting in when she takes a break, and DJ Mark Zimin will be spinning in the back. *1811 14th St. NW; Sat., 9:30 p.m., \$20; 202-397-7328; blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

→ **HR-57.** Get jazzed and help the hip spot at this fundraiser. The open bar, buffet and dancing will keep you on your toes all night. *1610 14th St. NW, Sat., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$140 per couple, \$75 per single; 202-667-3700; hr-57.org.*

## ICE IS NICE: WORK OFF YOUR HOLIDAY LOVE HANDLES



You don't need to know how to ice skate to indulge in the sport of curling.

**THE FIRST FEW COOKIES** around the office were sweet treats, and mom's apple pie was divine. But after a month and thousands of calories of seasonal joy, it's time to take down the tree and lose a few pounds this week.

→ **New Year's Reflective Practice.** Nothing says hang-over cure like a two-hour yoga session. Keep your resolutions for at least one day, and don't forget to bring a pen and paper to help you reflect on your goals

for the year. *Tranquil Space Yoga, 2024 P St. NW; Sun., 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., \$35 (\$30 if pre-registered); 202-223-9642; tranquil-space.com. (Dupont Circle)*

→ **Dance Classes.** Joy of Motion's H Street outpost is giving away free chances to cut a rug. But these intro offerings aren't boring ballet and tap—the list includes "L.A. Thrash Jazz" and "Tribal Fusion Belly Dance." *Atlas Performing Arts Center, 1333 H St. NE; Mon.-Sun., Jan. 9, free; 202-399-6763; joyofmotion.org.*

→ **Curling.** Prep for the upcoming Olympic games in Torino by boning up on your curling skills. You know, the Scottish sport that involves the sweeping of granite balls over ice. It'll just take 45 minutes to get an introduction and some on-ice training. Be sure to don warm, loose-fitting clothes and rubber-soled shoes. *Potomac Curling Club, 13810 Old Gunpowder Rd., Laurel; Thu., 7 p.m.-9 p.m. (also Jan. 7 and 8, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.); free; 301-806-8585; curldc.org.*



JAMES M. THRESHER/TWP

## Pig Out in Chantilly

**WHAT IS NEW YEAR'S IF NOT AN EXCUSE** for total excess? But if binge drinking bottles of champagne and staying up all night isn't really your style, perhaps chowing down is. Free ribs, cornbread muffins and cool beverages will be available for the snarfing in a parking lot during the final afternoon of 2005. No, it's not part of one of those First Night deals. It's a preview of Famous Dave's Bar-B-Que, which opens for business Jan. 9. The most amazing fact about this restaurant chain that started in 1994 in Wisconsin? That its symbol on the Nasdaq stock market is DAVE. 14452 Chantilly Crossing Lane, Chantilly; Sat., 12 p.m.-3 p.m. (or whenever the food supply runs dry), free; 703-263-7660; famousdaves.com.

*(U St.-Cardozo)*

→ **Pharaoh's Rock N' Blues Bar & Grill.** "Sir" Walter Robinson is taking the stage with his band to thrill the crowd with a mix of Jimi Hendrix, Cream and other electric blues. The Jones are also on the bill. Tickets include free apps and a champagne toast. *1817*

*Columbia Rd. NW; Sat., 9 p.m.; \$30 in advance, \$40 at the door; 202-232-6009. (Woodley Park-Zoo)*

## ... Get Bubbly

→ **Adams Mill Bar and Grill.** No cover, yet you still get a buffet and midnight champagne toast.

Obviously, it tends to get very crowded as people let this information sink in. 1813 Adams Mill Rd. NW; Sat., free; 202-332-9577. (Woodley Park-Zoo)

→ **Capitol City Brewing Company.** All three locations are sticking with the same, straightforward concept: Charge a low cover (\$5 in advance), let the people dance, have plenty of beer around and give away champagne at midnight. 2700 S. Quincy St., Arlington; 2 Massachusetts Ave. NE; 1100 New York Ave. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door; capcitybrew.com.

→ **Chloe.** The chic lounge will be sticking to its usual formula of DJs spinning hip-hop and house, but there's a champagne toast for you at midnight. 2473 18th St. NW; Sat., 9 p.m., \$20; 202-265-6592. (Woodley Park-Zoo)

→ **Rock Bottom Brewery.** The Arlington outpost skips the usual NYE hype. Instead, there's a live R&B cover band (Memphis Gold) and good deals. All beers are \$2.06 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. New brewer Dean Lake's Man in Black Bourbon Imperial Stout will be tapped at 9 p.m., and all pints are \$2.06 for the rest of the night. Don't want beer? Shooters are \$3, and there's champagne as the clock strikes 12. 4238 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; Sat., 5 p.m., \$5 in advance, \$10 at the door; 703-516-7688; rockbottom.com. (Ballston)

→ **Stetson's.** Ana Marie Cox's favorite place. It's just another night at the bar, except for the bubbly at midnight. 1610 U St., Sat., free; 202-667-6295. (U St.-Cardozo)



SCOTT SUCHMAN

→ **JR's Bar & Grill.** It's not too much different than your regular night at the gay "Cheers," but there's the champagne and a very special balloon drop at midnight. Included among the balloons and confetti are cash and bar tabs. 1519 17th St. NW; Sat., free; 202-328-0090. (Dupont Circle)

## ... Chill Out

→ **Bar Pilar.** No champagne toast, no cover charge, no DJ. But honestly, ringing in the New Year with Tater Tots and a photo booth is celebration enough. 1833 14th St. NW; Sat., free, 202-265-1751; barpilar.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

## Pig Out In Dupont

**THE "PORKER" IN NEIL LABUTE'S** "Fat Pig" is a witty, hefty librarian. In the provocative play, which opens this week at the Studio Theatre, Tom falls for her, much to the chagrin of his buddies, who turn out to be the genuine swine. For an evening of painful misogyny, you can't go wrong with LaBute's works, whether it be film ("In the Company of Men") or stage. If the thought of unending cruelty is tempting, wait until Jan. 21 (or 22, 28, 29) for "A Day in LaButeville." The program includes "Fat Pig," readings from "Seconds of Pleasure," seven shorts set in a car called "Autobahn," and dinner. Although you may lose your appetite. 1501 14th St. NW; Jan. 4-Feb. 12; \$32-\$52 for "Fat Pig," \$100 for "LaButeville"; 202-332-3300; studiotheatre.org. (Dupont Circle)



TETONA DUNLAP/TWP

Ring in the new year with Tater Tots.

→ **Buffalo Billiards.** It's business as usual at the subterranean pool hall: no cover charge and the usual table rates (\$4-\$6 per person per hour) apply. 1330 19th St. NW; Sat., free; 202-331-7665. (Dupont Circle)

→ **Continental.** Another pool option. Except for the DJ, Continental is working in "business as usual" mode on New Year's Eve. 1911 N. Fort Myer Dr., Arlington; Sat., free; 703-465-7675. (Rosslyn)

→ **Dogfish Head Alehouse.** The usual. Maybe think about getting a reservation if you wanna eat. 800 W. Diamond Ave., Gaithersburg; Sat., free; 301-963-4847.

→ **Halo.** Ok, the smoke-free gay lounge has a deal going. But it's not so "NYE." It's two-for-one drinks until midnight. 1435 P St. NW; Sat., free; 202-797-9730. (Dupont Circle)

For more ideas on how to ring in 2006, from gigantic club bashes to to open bar extravaganzas, check out [washingtonpost.com/cityguide](http://washingtonpost.com/cityguide).



RICKY CARLTON/TWP

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# B.I.O.

✱ BY INVITATION ONLY: UPCOMING WEDDINGS



## Diana Dinkelacker, Greg Moldafsky

Diana, 33, is a senior analyst for the Government Accountability Office. Greg, 35, is an attorney for the International Trade Commission. They live in Washington.

**WEDDING:** An interfaith service with a rabbi officiating on April 8 in Washington.

**HONEYMOON:** A trip to Turkey.

**HOW THEY MET:** Greg was being set up with a friend of Diana's, and the friend asked Diana along to assess Greg. "Greg never ended up asking

my friend out, but asked me out on a date — which put me in a pinch with my friend, whom I had to break the news to later."

**FIRST DATE:** Seeing Galactic at the 9:30 club. One of the band members, a friend of Diana's from high school, had an old yearbook, which Greg ended up seeing.

**WEDDING STYLE:** Springtime in D.C. They'll use vintage Washington postcards as place cards; the flowers will evoke cherry blossoms.

**FAMILY TRADITIONS:** At the rehearsal dinner, the pair will try to incorporate the German tradition of a "Polterabend," in which guests smash dishes to banish evil spirits.

**MMM, CAKE:** Cupcakes and pie.

“On your first date, generally you don't want to let your date see you in your teenage years.”



## Eventually United

Sometimes coincidence goes from "bizarre" to "spooky." Such was the case with **AARON DAVIS** and **MAURA HARRIS**. They met through Mike, a mutual friend, on the Fourth of July in 1998. They didn't see each other again for two years when, after hearing both of them complain about D.C.'s lack of eligible mates, Mike jokingly suggested a setup. Later that day, Maura got her hair cut. While she was paying, Aaron walked in. By the time Maura recognized him, he was gone. "The coincidence was too weird," she said.

They finally managed to meet, but they couldn't manage to get engaged. First, the golf course where they had their first date was torn down. Another couple beat them to a top-of-the-Capitol proposal and Aaron didn't want to copy. Then Maura turned down a romantic dinner ("I said I was tired and 'Desperate Housewives' was a new episode"). Aaron finally popped the question after a burrito dinner.

Aaron is a legislative aide for Rep. Peter DeFazio and Maura is a meeting manager for Corporate Executive Board. They are both 26 and will marry April 22 in Cleveland, Ohio.



## Mohammad Banaei, Rachael Wolfe

Mohammad, 28, is the Senior Director of the YMCA of Metropolitan Washington. Rachael, 28, is the receptionist and administrator at Gallagher & Associates, an exhibit design firm. They live in Rockville.

**WEDDING:** A Catholic ceremony in Rockville on April 29, followed by a reception for 150 guests. A Persian ceremony will take place in a private room before the reception.

**FIRST IMPRESSIONS:** "She was so beautiful. Then I thought she was a dork because when I told her my name, she did an Austin Powers impersonation and said, 'Oh, as in Mojo? Buhahaaaaahha!'"

“We will dance into the reception to James Brown's 'I Feel Good.' Let the partying begin!”

**MEETING THE PARENTS:** "I was extremely nervous and remember being too hot ... so I started to sweat big time," said Rachael. "I kept excusing myself to go to the bathroom to wipe my forehead and pull my hair back. Other than that, it went very well."

**STUPIDEST FIGHT:** Most recently, over a pumpkin pie that was left at the grocery store checkout line. "We get in stupid fights when we are really hungry."

**PET NAMES:** Mo Bear (Mo) and Munchichi (Rachael).

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** On top of the Empire State Building.

## Anthony Milton II, Stephanie Ridge

Stephanie, 25, is a secretary for the federal government. Anthony, 26, is a police officer for the Metro Transit Police Department. They live in Cheltenham, Md.

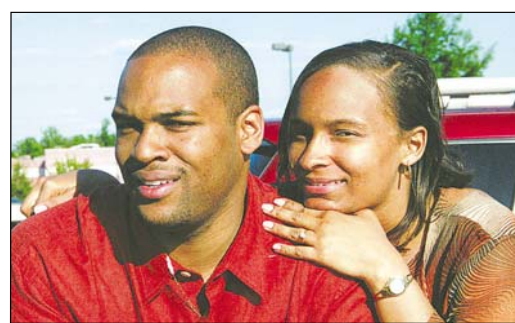
**WEDDING:** A semi-formal Christian ceremony in Waldorf, Md., on April 8, followed by a reception for 200 guests.

**HOW THEY MET:** In 1998 at the TESST Technology Institute in Alexandria, when they were

both seeing other people. After graduation, they lost contact with one another. Then, in 2002, Tony spotted Stephanie across the floor at the WPGC Birthday Bash and hollered for her to join him.

**FIRST DATE:** Their first real date was lunch at T.G.I. Friday's.

**STUPIDEST FIGHT:** "All of them," said



Anthony.

**HOW HE PROPOSED:** On their third anniversary, they took a nighttime walk to the FDR memori-

al. "Stephanie just had to see the cherry blossoms," so the proposal took place right on the Tidal Basin. They told "several passerbys in the park that night."

**PROCESSIONAL:** The bride will walk down the aisle to Dave Hollister's "Forever Song."

**WHO WILL CRY FIRST:** "Both of us at the same time. We have that connection," said Stephanie.

**MAKING IT UNIQUE:** "We are both the first grandchildren from our families to be married."

**MMM, CAKE:** A white, three-tier, heart-shaped cake.

**Getting Married?** If you'd like to see your wedding or commitment ceremony in B.I.O., send your favorite informal photo (wacky is fine, but please don't send a formal engagement shot), plus your names, contact info and the ceremony date to [weddings@readexpress.com](mailto:weddings@readexpress.com). We'll contact you with some questions as your big day approaches. Our space is limited, but we'll do our best to include as many as we can.



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